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U.S. paints gloomy picture for Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA)— Israel's economic crisis "would pose as serious a threat to the security of Israel as any hostile neighbor in the region" unless, swift, effective measures are taken, a Senate foreign relations committee report warned last week.

The report was prepared by two staff members of the Senate committee, Michael Kraft, a Near East subcommittee specialist, and Gerald Connolly, who specializes in economic aid issues. It was written to supply committee members with background enabling them to consider Israel's situation when aid requests are submitted.

Israel is receiving $2.6 billion in military and economic aid as a grant in the current fiscal year. While Jerusalem has not yet worked out its special request for the 1985 fiscal year, the Senate report notes that during the October visit of Prime Minister Shimon Peres to Washington, he said Israel will need another $1.5 billion in economic aid for its recovery program.

Israel's economic problems, the report notes, "can be traced to a number of factors, including the costs of developing a new country in three decades and the heavy defence and debt burden resulting from military aid loans since the October 1973 war."

It says defence spending, while a major element, is not the only important reason for the economic problems. The difficulties "are also deeply rooted in an elaborate system of indexing wages, subsidies and social welfare programs."

Israel's proportional electoral system, the report says, has contributed to the problems "by enabling small political parties to fight budget-cutting measures affecting their constituencies."

In addition to the $1.5 billion budget cut now being applied by the national unity government, the report stressed the need for structural reforms, especially the elaborate indexation machinery," and "further agreements on price and wage controls."

The report notes that "many experts also believe change is needed in existing law requiring the Bank of Israel to print enough money to cover the government's spending deficits. Such practices have proved highly inflationary in the past seven years."

But it warns that there will be a heavy cost to the Israel social fabric as some of the needed reforms are implemented. "Reductions in subsidies are likely to increase inflation. Social service cutbacks will hit hardest on lower income groups, especially Israelis from North African and other Arab countries."

Increased social tensions are likely, "along with rising unemployment and emigration of young Israelis, higher prices and labor unrest and decreased productivity. If the situation continues to drift, however, and an economic collapse results, the ultimate consequences for the country and the individual Israeli could be much worse."

The report also urges the U.S. to take "additional military trade and cooperation measures which might lessen U.S. defence expenditures in the Mediterranean, while utilizing Israel's maintenance and production capabilities."

One recommendation is particularly aimed at U.S. proposals for arms sales to Arab countries. In considering proposed sales of sophisticated weapons, "the U.S. also should take into greater account whether the quality and quantities are such that they might be ultimately used against Israel, thus prompting Israel to buy more equipment as a precaution," the report warns.

Employment equity sought

Hiring quotas not answer

By PATRICIA RUCKER

OTTAWA — All federally regulated employers should be required by law to implement employment equity for women and other minority groups, says the Commission on Equality in Employment.

But in a 400-page report tabled in the Commons last week Commissioner Rosalie Abella draws a careful distinction between "employment equity" and "affirmative action."

Employment equity, according to the report, is a "strategy designed to obliterate the effects of discrimination."

Affirmative action, on the other hand, has a connotation of "interventionist government policies."

In the United States, affirmative action is usually equated with quotas for the hiring of minority groups.

"Imposed quotas are not being recommended," the report states.

What Abella, a judge of the Ontario Provincial Court and chairman of the Ontario Labor Relations Board, does recommend is legislation obliging federally regulated employers "to develop and maintain practices designed to eliminate discriminatory barriers in the workplace."

Judge Rosalie Abella

The areas coming under legislation would include:

- recruitment and hiring practices;
- promotion practices;
- equal pay for work of equal value;
- pension and benefit plans;
- reasonable accommodation and workplace accessibility;
- occupational testing and evaluation;
- occupational qualifications and requirements;
- parental leave provisions
- opportunities for education and training leaves.

Abella recommends that, in the absence of legislation governing the private sector (which would come under provincial law), the government use contract compliance.

In other words, the government would agree to purchase goods and services only from businesses that agree to implement employment equity.

At a news conference in Ottawa after the report was tabled, Abella was quoted as saying that "I have a fear of quotas because they freeze opportunities.

"They end up being the ceiling beyond which employers feel that they needn't strive."

In a brief submitted to the Commission hearings last December, the Canadian Jewish Congress had also opposed the concepts of affirmative action and quotas.

"The Jewish community comprehends from its own experience in Canada the humiliation of discrimination and quotas of

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Women urged to attend meet

By JANICE ARNOLD

TORONTO — **Jewish women have been urged to participate in the United Nations End of the Women's Decade Conference to be held in Nairobi, Kenya, next summer in order to counter the possible recurrence of the rampant anti-Zionism that dominated the two previous women's conferences in Mexico City and Copenhagen.**

The infamous "Zionism is racism" UN resolution was formulated at the Mexico conference in 1975. The mid-decade Copenhagen meeting, in 1980 was, according to Jewish women present, taken over by a group of Palestinian women and their supporters from Third World and Communist countries and turned into a forum for vitriolic denunciations of Israel and the Jewish people.

Panelists in a session on the Nairobi conference at the recent 53rd General Assembly of the Council of Jewish federations said the Jewish community must be better prepared for this conference. The speakers included American feminist Betty Friedan;

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Soviet Jewry group names western MP

OTTAWA — David Kilgour, MP for Edmonton-Strathcona and parliamentary secretary to the minister for external relations, has been named chairman of the Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry.

Kilgour, 43, was first elected to the Commons in 1979.

He has been a member of the Group since the opening of the 32nd session of parliament in February 1980.

"My nomination as chairman," Kilgour said, "while a personal honor, carries with it important ongoing responsibilities. The fate of Soviet Jewry requires urgent, responsible and dedicated attention by all free peoples and their representatives."

Kilgour, a member of the Progressive Conservative Party, is the brother of Geills Turner, wife of Opposition Leader John Turner.

David Kilgour

Mubarak denies peace is fragile

CAIRO (JTA) — **Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak announced last week at a meeting in his home with the president of B'nai B'rith International that although he has no plans to return an ambassador to Israel in the near future, he will be sending a personal representative to the Jewish nation.**

Mubarak told Gerald Kraft that his representative will be involved in efforts to improve Israel-Egyptian relations.

The Egyptian leader declared that his country's peace with Israel is neither fragile nor temporary and added that he believes that the two Middle Eastern nations will have lasting and friendly ties.

Mubarak's statements were in response to comments from Kraft, who emphasized the need for some "positive movement" in the relationship between Israel and Egypt. The time for a new initiative Kraft said, "is especially appropriate" now because Israel has a new government and the United States, whose efforts led to the Camp David Accord, has elected a new Congress.

"The word should not be trivialized"

Holocaust usage angers survivor

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — **Elie Wiesel, a child of the Holocaust and the author who originally coined that word to define the mass murder of 6 million Jews, denounced here last week those who have "vulgarized and commercialized" the Holocaust.**

He told an enthralled audience of more than 600, crammed into the Leah Posluns Theatre at the opening of the 8th annual Toronto Jewish Book Fair, that the word Holocaust had been perverted beyond all recognition.

As an example of how carelessly the word is being abused, he cited the case of a radio sportscaster he recently heard announcing the results of a football game: "Folks, it was a real holocaust!"

Wiesel, 56, a teenage survivor of Auschwitz and Buchenwald, who now serves as chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, said he was saddened to see how the word had degenerated.

"I originated that word because 'massacre' and 'murder' couldn't take in completely the awful horror of the tragedy," he said. "I was groping for a word beyond words, and Holocaust seemed to be the only all-embracing answer.

"I maintain that the deliberate slaughter of 6 million Jews was a unique Holocaust, and the word should not be trivialized by equating it with different kinds of catastrophes."

Wiesel, a former journalist of the New York Daily Forward who is now a humanities professor at Boston University and prolific novelist, was asked by a CJN reporter in an interview later: "Do you resent being classified as the leading author-

Elie Wiesel

laureate of the Holocaust?"

Wiesel, a short, slight, gaunt Hungarian, endowed with a gentle humor that tempers his emotional intensity, smiled.

"I don't resent that definition, but I do think it's time for a change," he said. "Only four of my 25 books deal with the Holocaust.

"I was one of the first to write about it. Others were afraid to touch the subject. When I spoke, nobody spoke. Since then, everybody speaks — too much perhaps. And perhaps now I can go back to teaching and dealing with other subjects."

What are those other subjects?

"The poetry of the Bible, the mysticism of the Bible, the Bible as a conveyor of laws," he answered.

And how does he perceive himself — predominantly as a teacher, preacher or writer?

He answered by quoting from a chassidic scholar: "God made man because He loves stories."

Wiesel added to that maxim: "Like all Jews, I believe, not in Jung's so-called racial memory, but in Judaism's collective memory. I'm a scribe who bears witness to our times and contributes to that collective memory. And so I hope I am a good storyteller."

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Jewish platform needed

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Dr. Phil Berger is a young Jewish physician who gives a great deal of time to helping refugees who were tortured in their home countries and have come to Canada, here to find a new home. Recently he showed me slides which show the persisting effects of such inhuman treatment. His demonstration was one of the submissions I received as part of my current federal refugee inquiry.

Rabbi Plaut

I was much impressed with the doctor's dedication and commitment, and our conversation touched on specifically Jewish matters. I asked him to write me about his concerns, and he did. He agreed to have it published though he emphasized that he did not wish to offend anyone.

Here then is the substance of his letter, a thought provoking plea from one young, serious Jew.

Dear Rabbi Plaut,

I am writing in regard to your Oct. 25 column lamenting the "insularity" of the organized Jewish community from issues concerning the "poor and needy." You raised this concern because of the near absence of Jewish representation to your refugee inquiry during visits to various Canadian cities.

This poor response reflects the inaccessibility of the organized Jewish community to the many individuals who have not "strayed from our ideals." There are few official Jewish forums available for Jews concerned with general civil and human rights issue. Indeed, even the submission to you from the Canadian Jewish Congress was prepared in part by Jews whose years of advocating for refugees have been spent not with the CJC but with interchurch committees. Therein lies a sad twist. Some Jews who lobby on behalf of the needy have been able to do so effectively only under the auspices of the church movement.

The church movement is not the only place where Jews gather to effect social change. Many Jews who work with Third World support committees, human rights organizations, community based associations and social reform groups have also been alienated from the organized Jewish community. Part of this alienation evolves from the conservatism of the Jewish leadership and their perception that these activist Jews are unsympathetic to Israel.

Certainly many reform-minded Jews hold a Peace Now position on Middle East issues (a position at variance with spokesmen for the Canadian Jewish community). And many of their non-Jewish associates are openly hostile to Israel and to the concept of a Jewish state. But herein lies another irony. It is these same Jews who have unknowingly taken up the appeal issued by the Jewish community leadership in the summer of 1982 for Jews to counter anti-Israel propaganda in their own communities and in their own environment. And yet it is these same Jews who feel excluded by the organized Jewish community.

I am not writing here of the small fraction of vindictive Jews who denounce Israel publicly at every opportunity. I write of Jews who are politically independent and committed to a Jewish state. These Jews are also committed to human issues — traditionally Jewish issues — but have no Jewish platform from which to act. If our leadership does not bring them in soon, then a small but active sector of our community will be forever lost.

Sincerely,
Philip B. Berger, MD

Bible readings

The Torah portion for this week is Vayetze (Genesis 28:10-32:3), which recounts the famous story of Jacob and the ladder and continues with the account of his marriages to two sisters, Leah and his beloved Rachel. Read this on Friday, Nov. 30.

The haftorah, taken from the prophets, is Hosea 12:13-14:10. Read this on Shabbat.

During the rest of the week, continue reading from the Psalms, beginning with 129 on Thursday, Nov. 29, and reading one a day, except for Tuesday, when both 133 and 134 are read.

A schedule of the weekly Bible readings can be obtained free from the World Jewish Bible Society, POB 7024, Jerusalem, Israel.

Serious dilemma for Israel

U.S. arms to Arabs a touchy issue

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Israel, the American Jewish community and other pro-Israeli supporters on Capitol Hill are shortly going to face a very serious dilemma — one that has become a major feature in U.S.-Israeli relations in recent years.

They will have to agonize over the campaign they should mount in attempting to block yet another large-scale U.S. arms sale to "moderate" Arab states, almost certainly including Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and others.

Israel and its American Jewish supporters, understandably, are in no mood to enter into a brutal confrontation with the Reagan administration at a time of dramatically increasing Israeli dependence on American economic and military support.

Why irritate President Reagan, Secretary of State George Shultz and others whose goodwill will be critical in helping Israel overcome its current economic crisis?

There are still some very bitter feelings all around from the bruising 1981 Saudi AWACS/F-15 enhancement sale which narrowly was allowed to go through the Senate by a vote of 52 to 48.

But Pentagon and state department officials, backed by National Security policymakers in the White House, are moving towards some new, lucrative and enormous Arab sales involving highly sophisticated conventional weapons.

There are all sorts of reasons given for these transactions, including the basic rationale that the Arabs will purchase similar equipment from France, Britain and maybe even the Soviet Union if Washington should refuse. U.S. weapons, the Americans argue, are accompanied by some U.S. military and political controls over their use. That is not the case when other countries make the deals.

This matter arose during Prime Minister Shimon Peres' summit with President Ronald Reagan in Washington in October. It was made clear to Peres and Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir that the U.S. was indeed prepared to move forward with some additional sales to Saudi Arabia and the other Arab countries.

Those deals probably would have been completed by now except for the fact that 1984 was an election year.

Israel's official position, as expressed by Peres and Shamir, is simple — Israel opposes all arms sales to Arab countries still in a state of war against Israel.

Thus, Israel does not oppose U.S. weapons sales to Egypt even though they are a source of some concern to Defense Ministry planners in Tel Aviv.

The administration recognizes that the new and fragile national unity government will have no alternative but to oppose any future U.S. arms sales to the Arabs but U.S. officials are still hoping that Israel will not make a major fuss over the matter.

They are also anxious that the Israeli government calm down its supporters in the Jewish community and in Congress in the hope of avoiding an acrimonious fight which would automatically spillover and poison U.S.-Israeli relations.

Compounding the dilemma for the Israeli government is the fear of domestic criticism in Israel that it was "soft" on such a matter of vital national security, only because of administration pressures.

There is no doubt that some Israeli politicians — Minister of Commerce and Industry Ariel Sharon, for example — might seek to undermine the leadership of Peres and Shamir if they should take a relatively low profile response to the sales. In the process, these critics could hope to enhance their own political positions.

But Israeli leaders must recognize the fact that vetoing administration-backed arms sales has been extremely difficult, if not impossible, in the past. The pro-Israeli lobby in Washington failed in 1981 when the AWACS sale was considered. It also failed in 1978 when the Carter Administration pushed through the original F-15 "package sale" to Saudi Arabia.

It's extremely tough to fight a popular president, the Pentagon, the giant defense contractors who stand to make a handsome profit, the big business community and the oil-rich Arab lobby on these sales. Why enter into a fight you are likely to lose once again many responsible Israeli officials and American Jewish leaders are already asking themselves.

This is especially true at a time when the administration in power is basically friendly towards Israel.

But the magnitude of the prospective sales as well as domestic political realities in both Israel and the United States will almost certainly generate enough pressures to virtually guarantee an all-out confrontation — even if some governmental leaders in Jersualem will be reluctant to enter into one.

Take the specifics of Saudi Arabia's arms requests, for instance. Saudi officials, in extensive discussions with the Americans in recent months, have put forward a lengthy "wish list" of armaments, including perhaps another 60 F-15 fighter aircraft.

Unlike the original 60 "air defence" F-15 interceptors sold to the Saudis in the 1978 package, the new ones would be outfitted exclusively as offensive ground attack bombers.

Saudis want fighters

In addition, the Saudis have floated the idea of purchasing another five AWACS surveillance aircraft. The original five AWACS are now scheduled to arrive in Saudi Arabia in 1986. The AWACS currently in the country are operated by Americans.

Beyond that, Saudi Arabia is considering a proposal to purchase large numbers of F-20 fighters to replace their aging F-5s. Such a deal could be accompanied by major co-production possibilities, such as assembling the F-20s in Saudi Arabia.

This would dovetail very nicely with administration hopes to sell the F-20 to Jordan and other Arab countries as well. Saudi Arabia would be expected to finance the Jordanian purchases.

The Saudis also are known to want to at least double the number of Sidewinder air-to-air missiles they already have purchased from the United States. They are also anxious to buy America's new M-1 Abrams battle tank.

To accompany the AWACS package, the Saudis are expected to sign a nearly $5 billion contract in the coming months for new ground command and control radar stations.

Jordan has been interested in purchasing Improved HAWK anti-aircraft missile batteries from the United States for several years. King Hussein's air force, moreover, would prefer F-16 fighters but may have to settle for the slightly less sophisticated F-20, especially if they are assembled in Saudi Arabia.

Kuwait, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates have been pressing for F-16s as well. They are cash customers.

There will be no shortage of Democrats in the Senate and House of Representatives who will almost immediately cry out against any U.S. arms sales to the Arabs. Some will do so because of their deep rooted support for Israel.

Leisure time vanishes with a home computer

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

Back in college, science courses were divided into lectures and labs. That was instructive in more ways than one. You learned, if you did not already know it, that what looked good in theory often failed dismally in the lab. This, by another name, is called life.

Now I have learned that lesson once again.

Several years ago, I thought it fit to offer some wisdom on computers. There was a story in Time-Week, probably a cover, saying that more and more people were working at home on computers. I decried this, rueing the end of the office community, the shmooze by the water cooler, the interchange with colleagues that produces, if not inspiration, then so much good gossip. Crowded cities, after all, produce civilization. Lonely farms produce cows.

Now, though, I have gone from the lecture to the lab. I have bought a computer — an IBM-PC with all the requisite doodads. It does things beyond imagination (at least that's what I'm told), although all I want to do is write. I already use a computer at the office, carry a portable with me when I travel. I wanted one at home to write a book — and an occasional column.

At first, I had lots of trouble. I am not what's called handy. In fact, I am the same guy who as an Army combat engineer, built a model of a floating bridge upside down. All I knew was that the parts fit together and all the sergeant knew was that he had never seen anything quite like it. Picky, picky, I thought — and went on with my work.

So for about two weeks, the computer was beyond me. The salesman said installation was "idiot-proof." I proved him wrong. I hooked up the printer the wrong way, did not understand how to "boot" the system and, in short, could not make the thing work. Now I can. I can even make my computer "talk" to the one in the office. The result is not quite what I expected. I work at home, all right. I also work in the office. In fact, I work all the time.

A home computer is to workaholics what a bottle of booze is to an alcoholic. I can not stay away from it. A thought strikes me, I bound to my study to start banging away on the old PC. Then I have my computer send what I've written to the computer in the office. Just to show you how hooked I am, I do it the other way, too. Before leaving the office, I arrange things so that when I get home I can call up on my home computer what I've written that day. There is no end to perfecting a column.

I should have known. Grandson that I am of Louis the Socialist, I should have wondered why so many companies offer rebates to employees who buy home computers. They say they do this so their workers will become computer literate — surely a contradiction in terms. I accepted that. (Grandfather, forgive me.) I should have known that no company does anything out of the goodness of its heart. They all know that we workaholics will toil for them on our own time. They are the contemporary versions of Tom Sawyer. We workaholics will whitewash every fence in sight.

Now I work something like 16 hours a day. I hate to think of what I earn on an hourly basis. I send columns back and forth to the office. I have the computer at home call the one in the office for messages. Before I go to sleep, I check to see if there are any messages on the computer in the office. Sometimes there are — usually one saying someone in the office has lost a ring in the bathroom. There are things you have to know before you can go to sleep.

When something goes wrong with my home computer, I call a colleague. I always know where he'll be — at his computer. Then the two of us work out the problem together while our wives sleep. This is bowling for Yuppies.

Now I know how wrong I was. The computer has not liberated me from my office. It has tethered me to it. I'm a worker-drone, a bee in the honeycomb of my career. I'm "liberated" now to work around the clock and as in Macbeth, the computer has vanquished sleep. I could be working. I could always be working.

So, beware the home computer. Neither buy nor rent one. Enjoy your leisure time, but understand that while you're goofing off people like me are at our terminals getting ahead. The future is ours. The present just happens to be murder.

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Forum looks at Canadian problems

Ashkenazi-Sephardi relations in the limelight

By SHERYL HALPERN
TORONTO —

"Ashkenazim say they can't get Sephardim to participate in community organizations; Sephardim say they are frozen out, unwelcome.

"Ashkenazim say that Sephardim do not contribute leadership; Sephardim say that the leadership training is not designed for them.

"Ashkenazim say that Sephardim are not workers or donors in campaigns; Sephardim say that it is unreasonable to expect them to adapt so readily to a foreign system."

These issues, listed by Montreal community leader Charles Bronfman, were discussed at a CJF forum on Sephardic Jewry — North American Perspectives, chaired by Montreal Allied Jewish Community Services president Dodo Heppner at the recent General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

The forum on Sephardic Jewry, held as a result of Sephardic protests which disrupted the General Assembly in Montreal five years ago, addressed the problems of the 250,000 Sephardim living in the United States, but more particularly confronted the problems of the 8,000 Sephardim of Toronto and the 25,000 Sephardim of Montreal.

Bronfman noted that cultural differences are at the root of some of the problems: "Ashkenazim extol the virtues of the separation of church and state; the Sephardim assign a high priority to their synagogue, a social and educational centre for them, and are less familiar with federations," said Bronfman.

He asked: "Is time the great healer? What bridges can be built?"

The only American panelist, Rabbi Marc Angel of New York, agreed with Bronfman that the Sephardim differed from the Ashkenazim in their cultural inheritance, but added that Sephardim were a very diverse group and when they became Americanized, they became more like Ashkenazim.

He also remarked that he himself did not like to be identified as a Sephardic Jew but only as a Jew (an American Sephardi in the audience found that too "assimilationist" for his taste.)

As for the Ashkenazic allegation that Sephardim didn't give enough to Jewish causes, he responded that he believes they give more, proportionately.

As for time healing all, Angel felt that time is a crucial factor and will heal the rift, but that the Ashkenazim had to understand the Sephardic need for self-respect.

Leon Oziel of Toronto, another panelist, addressed more local matters. He spoke of the progress of the Toronto Sephardic community, a group speaking four mother tongues (Spanish, French, Arabic or Hebrew.) A minority in the large Toronto Jewish community, they have nevertheless formed three large and three small synagogues, and established a Sephardic Jewish day school.

As well, an Ontario Sephardic federation, serving as an umbrella organization, has recently been formed.

Oziel felt that the Toronto Jewish community should support the Sephardic federation and its efforts, but found that Canadian Ashkenazim "have a strong appreciation of sectarian rights, but trouble with Sephardic distinctiveness."

He admitted that there were few Sephardic leaders in communal service in Toronto, but was optimistic that more would show communal commitment in the future.

And while he knew that financial support to the Sephardic community hadn't helped Montreal Ashkenazic-Sephardic relations appreciably, he believes that that was due to the size of the Montreal Sephardic population, and to the Quebec "French fact."

For Henri Elbaz, the Montreal panelist, the Montreal Sephardic community, a quarter of the total Montreal Jewish community, faced some problems. He noted that the most recent wave of (mostly Moroccan) Sephardic immigrants remained vulnerable to assimilation (the first wave, coming before the Eastern immigrants, had already been assimilated.)

The Sephardic Community of Quebec (Communaute Sepharade du Quebec) had been formed in 1975, and had become a constituent agency of AJCS, but despite cordial relations with AJCS, some matters still divided the Montreal Sephardim and the Ashkenazim.

Progress had been made in Ashkenazic-Sephardic relations, Elbaz said, listing an Ecole Maimonide-Jewish Peoples and Peretz School joint seder last Passover, the setting up of committee of Ashkenazic-Sephardic relations, the success of the Sephardic Division of the Combined Jewish Appeal in the recent campaign, and Ashkenazi-Sephardi intramarriages.

But among the problems yet to be solved, he felt, were the lack of contact between Ashkenazim and Sephardim, the mutual suspicion felt by both groups, the feeling among the Sephardim that AJCS had an unofficial policy of assimilating, not integrating, the Sephardim into the community. There was also the failure of the Centre Communautaire Juif-YM-YWHA relationship — 'financial, not religious" was Elbaz' term for their relations.

Among the roots of the problems were differences in community composition — the Ashkenazi community is an aging one, the Sephardi community is a very young (70% under age 45) community, with different objectives. But he felt that the majority should respect the needs of the minority, and that such progress as had been made could and should be continued.

"Unity in diversity is not weakness but strength," Elbaz concluded.

New owners for paper

By MYRON LOVE
WINNIPEG —

Winnipeg's Jewish Post has new owners.

Last month, the paper's editor, Matt Bellan, bought the Anglo-Jewish weekly in partnership with his brother, Bernie Bellan, and the paper's advertising manager, Gail Frankel, from Chinese businessman Bill Wong, who had owned the Post, and Empire Printers, its publisher, since the death of his partner, Harold Markusoff, in June, 1983.

"We are fortunate to be taking over the paper with our insiders' knowledge of how it operates," said Matt Bellan, 33, who has been editor since January, 1982.

The Post, and its rival, the Western Jewish News, are Western Canada's oldest and largest Anglo-Jewish weeklies. The Post was founded by Ben Cohen in 1925. The Western Jewish News followed a year later. Owned for years by the Corne family, the News is more of a Western Canadian paper, while the Post concentrates on the Winnipeg community.

New owner Bellan, who previously worked as a reporter for The Canadian Press in Ottawa, and the Regina Leader-Post, has never been one to dodge controversy. "Our forte," he said, "is covering the Winnipeg scene, giving people not just the standard organizational news, but also insight into how the community is run through editorials and coverage of Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and Board of Jewish Education meetings. This area was not reported on previously."

The 59-year-old Post's young owners' goals are to improve the quality of the paper and local coverage, build up circulation, and enlarge the paper with new features and supplements to try to increase the readership.

Under Bellan's tenure as editor, the Post has added a regular Yiddish column for former readers of the late Israelite Press, regular profiles of interesting members of Winnipeg's Jewish community, and a youth column "to try to reach out to younger people not in the habit of reading the Jewish Post."

Although Bellan declined to reveal the price his group paid for the paper, or its circulation, he claimed that a recent Community Council survey showed 60% of Winnipeg respondents read the Post as compared to 28% who took "the other paper."

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Living Halacha

By
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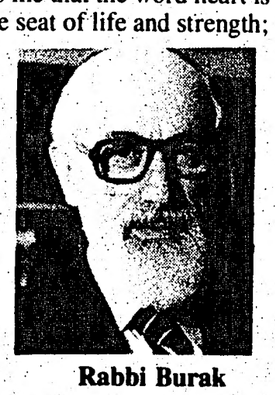
QUESTION: Is it right to transplant a baboon's heart into a human being? The heart is supposed to be the seat of our emotions and feelings. How then can a baboon's heart serve man?
(Rebbitzen) Gittel Gordon, Toronto

My Concordance tells me that the word heart is used in the Bible "as the seat of life and strength; hence it means mind, soul, spirit, or one's entire emotional nature and understanding. It is also used as the centre or inner part of a thing." In Exodus, Chapter 35:5, the Torah speaks "of a willing heart;" but in verse 35 of the same chapter it speaks of "wisdom of heart."



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However, despite what the word stands for, the heart is a pump without which no living creature can survive. When a lady, on opening her chicken couldn't find the chicken's heart, and went to ask her rabbi for a ruling, that was the answer she got.

We find it in an old responsum of a few centuries ago. The rav asked the lady if she had a cat. Then he wanted to know if the cat was in the house while she was opening her chicken. When he received an affirmative answer to both questions, he concluded that the cat had enjoyed a nice dinner eating the heart, and that was why the lady hadn't been able to find it. The chicken must have had a heart or it couldn't have lived. The chicken was kosher.

As to the emotions of the heart, everything seems to depend on whose body that heart is housed in. The patriarch, Jacob, when he thought that a wild beast had killed his son Joseph went into such deep mourning that all the efforts of his loved ones could not lighten his burden of grief. That was our father Jacob. That was the kind of heart he had.

A different heart

I find a different emotional response in a letter written by Hester Thrale to Dr. Johnson on Nov. 2, 1781, following the death of her husband. In this letter she says: "We will act as Zachary Pearce, the famous Bishop of Rochester, did when he lost the wife he loved so — call for one glass to the health of her who is departed, never more to return — and so go quickly back to the usual duties of life and forbear to mention her again from that time till the last of it." The bishop had a different heart . . .

Hearts are conditioned by education and training. When we recall the fiendish malevolence of the Nazis and their surrogates who destroyed six million souls, we may well ask where were their hearts? One million children were burned, and gassed, and shot. No beast of the forest can be as cruel as were those murderers. They were trained and conditioned to be worse than animals, to regard other beings as vermin if they did not belong to the master race.

Today, as we pound in the message of the Holocaust, the Western world learns, thanks to that message, that one cannot stand idly by and watch Ethiopian children die of hunger.

Special environment

From the Talmud, it appears that there were some animals which had feelings for the poor people. But these animals were living in a very special environment . . . Here is the way it is told in the Jerusalem Talmud, Tractate Demai, Chapter 1:3, 3B-4A:

"Some robbers stole the donkey of Rabbi Pinehas ben Yair, and kept it hidden for three days, during which time it ate nothing . . . So, they let it go and it went to the gate of its master and began to bray. 'Open the gate to this poor animal which has eaten nothing for three days,' said Rabbi Pinehas. They put barley before it, but it would not eat. They said to Rabbi Pinehas, 'It refuses to eat.' He said . . . 'Have you tithed that part of the barley which possibly was not tithed?' They said, 'No, for you have taught us that he who buys cereals . . . to give to animals is free from the obligation.' Said Rabbi Pinehas, **'Yes, but this poor animal imposes upon itself a very strict rule.'** So they took away the doubtful tithe, and it ate."

In the right environment, a baboon's heart might begin to feel right.

"Demography is destiny"

Falling birth rate poses a threat

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A demographic comparison of Jewish families between the 1971 and 1981 census produces "a considerable cause for worry," a session on Canada's changing demography was told recently.

A high incidence of divorce and "mature singlehood," a rising intermarriage rate, the growth in single-parent families and the "continuing story of zero population growth" mean "the only way the Jewish population can expect to go is shrinkage," Prof. Leo David, department of sociology, York University, told a Council of Jewish Federations seminar recently.

A modern "underlying cultural process of couples oriented to individualism versus couples oriented to familism" is the prime culprit, David said. And "there are more working wives with less time, energy and desire to invest in raising a family. Jews fit directly into that modern box," he said.

The shift in values and attitudes is presenting a problem to people involved in community programming, David continued, with education as a possible solution. That includes education of children and "family life education for adults to deal with a basic values outlook."

Picking up on that theme, Dean Ralph Garber, faculty of social work, University of Toronto, agreed "demography is destiny. We can't just look at it helplessly. If the problem is a declining birth rate, we must look at how to introduce a pro-natal policy."

Garber suggested looking at Jews in Canada as constituting a single community, with Jews in larger centres acting in concert with smaller centres to address their problems.

"We should consider networking, teaching and institutionalizing" data survey gathering, he said.

On the education front "we must use all material and new technology to disseminate it across the community." That could alleviate some of the problems small Jewish centres have in programming of an educational nature, he added.

Garber called for a restructuring of Canadian Jewish Congress and for an end to "the edifice complex. Instead of monuments, we need to rethink how money is spent."

John Fishel, director of community planning, Allied Jewish Community Services, Montreal, told the session we are "using the data of demographics to determine where we are going in providing services, building Jewish communities and planning."

The census must be supplemented with other research, he said, to provide a larger data base and an inventory of resources by both Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

In Montreal, he said, they have undertaken a long-range planning study on the family and economic situation facing young people.

Over the past 10 years, Montreal's Jewish population has declined by 11% so that senior citizens account for 22% of the Jewish population, versus only 16% for the general population.

Two-thirds of Jewish women over 65 are widowed and live below the poverty line, Jim Torczyner, professor of social work, McGill University, told the session. There is a high percentage of Jewish poor, with one-third of single parents living below the poverty line — a figure that is still lower than the general population, he stated.

"One of the most shocking pieces of information" is the discrepancy between what Jewish men and women earn, he continued.

In a workshop later, Torczyner said to get action on poverty, you need representation from that part of the community. "But the poor have no input or leverage on community organizations."

In a workshop on the family, Gordon Wolfe, executive director, Jewish Family & Child Service, Toronto, said that in planning and evaluation "only so many resources are available. It costs $30,000 per year to keep a child in a residential treatment centre, he said.

During the past year, there has been "an amazing increase" in physical and sexual abuse of children. In the first six months of 1983, we investigated 10 cases, but in the first six months of 1984, 50 cases were investigated. "I don't think it's increasing," he said. "It's coming out of the woodwork."

In a workshop on aging, Rubin Becker, past chairman, AJCS council on aging, said finding apartments for seniors, running nursing homes and providing home care services were top priorities.

Institutionalization is not the only solution, he said. "We need a new orientation of thinking, such as providing day services, group homes for up to nine seniors (living together in a duplex or triplex) and other ways of providing care without institutionalizing the elderly."

A goal of the council on aging is to "combine all home services under one roof as part of a centralized approach to use resources more effectively," Becker said.

A special role for Canada

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

Canadians have a special role to play in the campaign to bring Jews out of the Soviet Union, says Yoram Dinstein, rector of Tel Aviv University and formerly on the Soviet Jewry desk of the Israeli embassy at the United Nations.

In a brief interview following his speech to 300 delegates at a GA forum on Soviet Jewry, Dinstein said that "when initiatives take place in the U.S. on behalf of Soviet Jewry, they are seen as part of a campaign orchestrated by the White House to resume the Cold War."

On the other hand, Canada is viewed by the Soviets as a "back door into the United States," Dinstein claimed.

Picking up one of the themes of his speech — that the Soviets insist on a quid pro quo for every concession they make — Dinstein said that the USSR attaches tremendous importance to gaining Canada's goodwill in order to get indirect access to U.S. government ears.

Therefore, the USSR might be willing to make a gesture on behalf of Soviet Jewry if, for example, "your new Prime Minister were to approach the Soviet government and ask it to release one or two of the Prisoners of Zion."

Noting that Prime Minister Mulroney is committed to closer Canada-U.S. relations, Dinstein said "this is all to the good.

"The closer the relations between Canada and the U.S., the better it is for the Soviet Union. Canada, to them, is very much like a corridor into the White House."

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Betty Friedan at GA

The same enemies seen for Judaism, feminism

By SHERYL HALPERN

TORONTO —

The subject that started feminist fireworks in Jerusalem drew a crowd of over 400 in Toronto recently when American author and feminist Betty Friedan spoke on "Woman as Jew, Jew as Woman: An Urgent Inquiry." She was at the recent General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

For Judaism and feminism, "the enemies are the same," said Friedan. The same groups that firebombed Planned Parenthood centres and opposed the Equal Rights Amendment in the U.S. had anti-semitic tinges in their literature, she charged. She herself has received anti-semitic and anti-feminist threats, she added.

"We must evoke the machinery of Jewish survival on the issue of women's rights," she said, adding that the neo-fascist forces that are anti-semitic are also anti-feminist.

Friedan, who helped launch the North American feminist movement 20 years ago with her book The Feminine Mystique, said she had discovered only recently that it was "not an accident" that the feminist visions had come from Jewish women.

She said "feminism is the only modern ism that has brought Jews to their roots as Jews," and that Jewish feminism has meant "to break through the evasions, to come to grips with one's identity as a Jew, with the putdown of women, the feminine mystique built into the religion."

There was a feminist generation gap, she added: "The younger ones confronted the putdowns in the Jewish tradition, and began to revitalize the religion. The older ones were just alienated from Judaism . . . for me there were many way stations."

Betty Friedan

Nowhere had the confrontation between feminism and Judaism been more consciousness-raising than a dialogue on Woman as Jew, Jew as Woman held in August in Jerusalem. Both American and Israeli Jewish women attended the meetings.

Friedan said the American participants "learned afresh in Israel that equality for women is a myth there." Though Israeli women worked and had day care for their children, the fundamentalism propounded by the powerful Orthodox rabbinate, "particularly pernicious to women," means that only men can get divorces and the role of the sexes in the family is unequal — "the woman keeps her mouth shut, and serves pure food."

Even the army is not an equalizer. Service in the army exaggerates the inequality. "The women pack the parachutes with a kiss," she said acidly.

The Americans found the Israeli women still looking to male leaders, are afraid to be feminists and thereby "attack" Jewish survival and the Jewish family.

Many of the Israelis, even the Orthodox, were so alienated by religious fundamentalism that they were anti-religious — "they just wanted to get it off their backs." The Americans, by contrast wanted to discuss concepts formulated by young Jewish women theologians.

While it was a "revelation" to the Israelis that 15 years of feminist revolution had so liberated the Americans, it took a while before barriers began to break down, Friedan said.

"Israeli women were suspicious of each other, religion divided society so. They were protesting that they did not want equality, that the men had to fight, that you can't change halacha, that if you questioned anything, it implied the destruction of the family. But finally, they saw that strengthening women would strengthen the family . . . revitalize the religion.

At the end of the dialogue, Israeli women, accompanied by the Americans, marched on the King David Hotel where party leaders were working out details for the national unity government. Most urgent on their list of demands was that "the coalition not be formed on the backs of women. It was feared that in forming the new government, concessions might be made to the religious parties that would be detrimental to the status of women.

Back in North America, and mainly as a result of that dialogue, Friedan is now working on the American Jewish Congress National Commission for Women's Equality. The commission will deal with a wide range of American Jewish concerns in the areas of work, family, religion and politics, and serve as a support system for the new Israel Women's Lobby, its sister movement.

While Friedan supports the separation of church and state — it "is not only good for the Jews and for women, but for religion" — she believes that the issues of women's equality and Jewish survival must converge. She asked those interested in these issues to support the commission's efforts. "We welcome you to this work," she said.

"We learned a lot, and were able to make a contribution," she added. "It was profound, moving."

A tradition for kids

NOME, Alaska —

For the fourth year in a row, in what is now becoming a tradition for Jewish children, Bubbie and Zadie (a mythical set of loving grandparents created by children's writer Daniel Halevi Bloom in 1980) are inviting Jewish kids to write special Chanukah letters to them in Nome.

Letters should describe preparations for the holiday which begins this year on Dec. 18.

Bloom, who now lives in Juneau, Alaska's capital, once lived in Nome himself and he says that all mail sent to his address in Juneau will be forwarded each day by dogsled to Nome, "where Bubbie and Zadie still live."

Each letter will receive an answer from Bubbie and Zadie, and there is no charge whatsoever for the service, which is funded each year out of Bloom's own pocket (with help from the three sisters and one brother, parents and relatives).

The address for Bubbie and Zadie is: Bubbie and Zadie, Dogsled to Nome, 883 Basin Rd., Juneau, Alaska 99801.

All letters should be postmarked by Dec. 18 in order to receive a reply from the grandparently pair during the Chanukah holidays, Bloom says.

Bloom, 35, has no children of his own and says he will run the letter-writing program every year for the rest of his life.

He has been commissioned by a major New York publisher to write a children's book about Bubbie and Zadie for publication next year at this time, with illustrations.

Harris believes PM will be a strong friend

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Canadian Jewish community can expect to maintain good relations with the new Conservative federal government and have its concerns considered and addressed, a group of Jewish leaders agreed recently.

Canadian Jewish Congress president Milton Harris told a panel discussion on "The new government and issues of Jewish concern" at the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly he is optimistic Prime Minister Brian Mulroney will be "a strong friend of the Jewish community.

"The people in external affairs are close to us and know us, and others in the government are our friends," he said.

Alan Rose, executive vice-president of CJC, told the session the Mulroney government "will be very sensitive to the organized Jewish community" and will be receptive on substantial issues.

Hugh Segal, a Conservative political analyst, said the Tories are full of firm supporters of Israel.

And Anne Gross, chairperson of the Canada-Israel Committee, said there has been no change in government "support for the viability of Israel" since the election.

Harris told the session "access (to leaders) is the key (to a good relationship). It will take some time, but there is immense respect on both sides.

"The Conservative party put together a coalition that brought in several new groups — French Canadians and ethnic grups — that had been Liberal," Harris said.

"The Conservatives will be extremely interested in cementing those relationships in the future, and that will make them receptive to the interests of the Jewish community," he concluded.

Rose said "Jews are wanted in Ottawa. We're the top of the pops among multicultural groups. They see us as the most organized — if only they knew," he joked.

"The Jewish community should be seen as an engine of social change. We should be prepared to advance the concerns of the general public."

Supporting the rights of the aged, the handicapped and visible minorities "has given us credibility. We're seen as proudly Jewish and proudly Canadian" in the corridors of power, Rose said.

Digressing from the topic for a moment, Rose blasted those who had disrupted the opening ceremonies of the GA in a protest for Ethiopian Jews (CJN Nov.22).

"The Canadian-Jewish community has to stand up and oppose vigorously self-anointed saviors of Ethiopian Jews," he said. "They are people who have rescued no one. "They do not have a monopoly on pikuach nefesh (saving lives)."

Segal told the session the federal government was "truly national" and "committeed to social justice and freedom."

Those in top positions in the government understand better than the Liberals the Soviet threat in the Middle East, he stated. He criticized the "abysmal record" of the Liberal government at the United Nations, calling it a "betrayal."

In her address, Gross told the session "the Prime Minister understands events in the Middle East and there is a reservoir of goodwill" with the Jewish community.

The government intends a foreign policy review "which we will participate in," she continued. "The lines to the government are open and they are listening to what we have to say."

Falasha rescue efforts hindered

MONTREAL —

A statement issued last week by Milton Harris, Canadian Jewish Congress president, and Stan Cytrynbaum, chairman of the CJC's Ethiopian Jewry committee, says that while appeals are being made throughout Canada for funds to rescue Ethiopian Jewry "money is not required for the rescue of Ethiopian Jews nor their relief."

The statement says that "the tragic plight of Ethiopian Jews can only be resolved by Israel in concert with friendly governments. Public statements by organizations and individuals have seriously compromised a number of rescue and relief operations."

The statement continues:

"If members of the community wish to make donations for Ethiopian Jewry, this may be done by contributing to your local campaign, earmarking the contribution for Absorption of Ethiopian Jews in Israel.

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World-National

At 80, Winnipeg's Noah Witman is thinking of slowing down...just a little.

Noah Witman to be honored

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Noah Witman doesn't consider himself a Yiddishist. "I love Hebrew and Yiddish equally and write in both languages," he says. "The trouble is that we have two languages. I am under the impression it will take generations for the masses to understand Hebrew. For now, Yiddish comes easier."

On Dec. 5, however, Witman, 80, will be honored by the Group for Yiddish Heritage with a concert at Winnipeg's Centennial Concert Hall in recognition of his 58 years working for Yiddishkeit in this city. As teacher, media personality, community worker, organizer, and fund raiser, he has made an indelible impression in almost every area of Jewish life in Winnipeg and beyond.

Born in Russia in 1904, Witman spent his teenage years in Kiev. An early Zionist-Socialist, he was thrown out of university after being arrested at a political meeting. A sister brought him to Winnipeg in 1927.

It didn't take long for the new immigrant to get involved in the community. On his second day in the city, he joined Poalei Zion's youth movement, and has been working for Israel ever since.

His first visit to Israel came in 1935. He went back three times to attend Zionist congresses as a Winnipeg delegate. Since 1969, travel agent Witman has been leading tours to Israel twice a year.

Witman has had a varied career. Originally a teacher, he became Histadrut executive director in Western Canada in 1945. After 10 years in that position, he left to purchase the Yiddishe Wort — Winnipeg's only Yiddish-language newspaper. He published the paper for 12 years before bankruptcy forced him to sell.

Today he is associated in the public mind with three areas — radio, television, and travel.

"The Yiddish Program started on radio in 1933," Witman recalled. "It was a weekly hour-long show and I'd be on twice a month with recitations on a topic of the day." During his Histadrut years, he appeared only during the annual fund raising campaign. On Feb. 2, 1954, he took it over, and is now in his 31st year on the program.

In 1973, he opened a second front, bringing Yiddish to local television. "If someone important comes to town and I know about it, I have him on the show," he said. "Yerucham Meshel (Histadrut general secretary) was on for 18 minutes one evening. He told me he came to Winnipeg expecting to find a wilderness with Indians . . . and instead found a Yiddish television program."

The travel agency grew out of the radio program. "A young man opening a new travel agency came to me and said that, although he couldn't pay me for ads on the program, he would give me 50% commission on all sales I could bring in through the program. When he went bankrupt after a year, Air Canada offered me the business."

Witman is currently cultural chairman for the Yiddish-language H. Leivick B'nai B'rith Lodge, and secretary for Winnipeg's Committee for Yiddish, but at 80, he is thinking of slowing down — just a little.

He sold the travel agency last month although he is still working there, and as for the radio program . . . "I love it and will go on as long as I can," he said. "I've never missed a Sunday, even when I have been in hospital. Still, I hope the Group for Yiddish Heritage or some other group will take it over soon."

Needs of poor remain great

Number of philanthropists down

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Sources of philanthropy appear to be drying up while the needs of the poor remain great, Dr. Ralph Garber, dean of the faculty of social work at the University of Toronto, stated at a "leadership learning" session dealing with wealth and poverty at the 53rd General Assembly of the CJF.

Garber, an American citizen, said that Jews should not rejoice in philanthropic actions because the number of people giving to charity has not increased substantially. Instead, he said, "those who have given have given good."

Looking at the long history of social welfare in Jewish history, Garber said that while welfare institutions grew during the talmudic era, they did not catch on for a long time in the rest of the world.

He said that since 1945 there has been a substantial reduction among those living in poverty, both in the U.S. and Canada. However, he added, recent figures show that in the past two years the number of people living in poverty in Canada has increased to 4.3 million from 3.5 million.

Of these 4.3 million, Garber stated that the number of Jews constitutes a "fraction of the total and may not be visible.

"Jewish poor are not numerous (enough) to be of concern to the community, but large enough to parade at campaigns," he said.

Contrasting Canada with our neighbor to the south, Garber said that Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has a better chance of dismantling the welfare state than President Ronald Reagan due to his sizable majority and control over his party. As well, Garber said that the fact that Mulroney has a greater period of time in which to make the changes he wants is an important factor.

Touching on one aspect of social welfare, Garber said that health care in the U.S., where no government-run socialized medical system exists, the high costs can hurt the poor. "But even Jewish doctors are not known to be in favor of public health care," Garber said.

Mona Brown, director of senior adult services at the Jewish Community Centre in Toronto, also discussed Canada's health care system at a session on aging.

Brown said that because of Canada's universal government - sponsored medical system, senior citizens are exempt from most medical costs. She said that senior citizens in the U.S. should put pressure on their government for a "saner and more human medical scheme."

GA honors to...

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

Among the awards that should have been given out — but weren't — at the recent General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

• To Phil Granovsky, former world chairman of Keren Hayesod, for the quickest recovery.

As he came to the end of a moving and sensitive speech of appreciation to Governor-General Jeanne Sauve, who addressed one of the plenary sessions, he realized that the copy of the Hebrew Bible he was about to present to her was missing.

Completely unfazed, he wound up his speech with: "And if I had it here, I'd give it you."

But Granovsky wasn't finished. As Sauve joined in the laughter, someone slipped the Bible into his hands.

"Now we've found it!" Granovsky announced triumphantly, presenting it with a flourish to the delighted Governor-General.

• To "Mr. and Mrs. Adler, Federation of Greater Miami," for the best food at the GA.

Following the plenary addressed by Yitzhak Navon, delegates found themselves invited by a simple sign, bearing only the Adlers' names and the name of their federation, into the Toronto Room at the Sheraton Centre.

There, under the solemn gaze of all Toronto's mayors whose photographs line the walls, the Adlers, radiating hospitality, regaled what seemed to be half the General Assembly with ice cream, huge bowls of chocolate sauce, blintzes that deserved to be called crepes, and the best Spanish coffee north of the Mexican border.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Adler of Greater Miami — Toda rabah!

Olim won't be affected by Israel's problems

By SHERYL HALPERN

TORONTO —

The Jewish Agency has an agreement with the Israeli government that new olim will not suffer from the current austerity measures, Chaim Aron, head of the agency's immigration and absorption departments, said here recently in an interview with The CJN.

Olim, he said, will be entitled to the same benefits as in the past and new programs for the elderly and job programs for the young (such as the Lavi plane-building project) are also available.

The average North American aliya figures are 1,500 to 2,000 a year — Canada's share of olim is proportionately higher than the United States. Aron says such figures are "ridiculous, absurd," adding that "we need many more."

Aron was in Toronto to attend the annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

He feels the current decline in North American aliya is related to the economy — to the flourishing American economy, as well as the troubled Israeli one.

But he finds that the aliya programs in North America are growing at a fairly good rate, nevertheless. In fact, he foresees "a new era in relations between North America and Israel." Instead of separate efforts ("we Jews are individualistic, each working on his own") he sees an efficient partnership in the making.

As the new Jewish Agency aliya department head, Aron would like to see certain changes in government immigration and absorption policy. He would like Jerusalem to make immigration a higher priority — "like security." And he feels that there should be a "totally different atmosphere" for absorbing olim.

"The Israeli population should have some understanding of the needs of olim — of the real contribution of the olim to the Israeli economy, society and security. There are no television programs on absorption, no educational programs in the schools for promoting absorption."

Aron would also like new olim to face less bureaucratic red tape, and have more control over their own affairs. He applauds a recent change, which allows olim to get housing loans without going through the ministry of absorption, and wishes all procedures worked that way "to prevent olim from becoming dependent on the government."

Too much red tape contributes to yerida

Too much red tape also contributes to yerida (emigration), he feels. Poor bureaucratic treatment "plants seeds of yerida . . . yerida may start with not being well received or well informed by the Jewish Agency at the start of aliya."

However, he sees yerida as a 2-sided failure — "We used to see it as the failure of the state, but it is also the failure of the individual to adapt to the state."

In the same way, Aron feels the "dropouts," the Israel-bound Soviet Jews who most often ended up in the United States, were partly responsible for the Soviet Union's refusal to allow further emigration of Soviet Jewry. He believes that the gates may reopen — "Russia is still sensitive to world opinion, there is the Refusenik struggle" — but he emphasizes that if there are dropouts again, "they may close the gates forever."

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Scholar Gershom Scholem was born Dec. 5, 1897. His painstaking research brought to academic and subsequently general interest the dark stream of mysticism coursing through Jewish tradition.

Mysticism has been part of the Jewish religion since its stage-by-stage establishment, from the direct revelation of God to Abraham to the communal revelation at Mount Sinai. What was seen at the latter — according to the commentaries — by the lowest of former slaves, exceeded the visions of the loftiest prophets that succeeded them.

By the end of the Second Temple, Jewish mysticism included angelology, demonology, astrology, metempsychosis (the transmigration of souls), numerology and other elements acquired from neighboring peoples, as well as more indigenous concerns like the nature of the soul, the process of creation and Eziekel's singular vision of the heavenly chariot. Also at about the same time, the schism between mysticism and halacha was fixed.

Early codifiers of the Talmud warned against indulgence in the foreboding field of mysticism. Their parable, still often quoted, described the fate of four leading sages who entered: one killed himself, another went mad, and the third became an apostate. Only one survived.

The doctrines that gradually evolved over the subsequent centuries came to be called the Kabbalah, the accepted teachings. The Kabbalah was carried by scholar-initiates from Babylonia during the second half of the first millenium CE to communities in Germany, France, Italy and Spain. The kabbalists sought to learn by direct intuitive methods rather than by reason the spiritual essences that they believed were at the heart of all created matter.

In this way, they felt, they could learn part of the nature and some of the attributes of God Himself.

The spread and intensification of religious persecutions in the Middle Ages helped transform Kabbalah from largely a spiritual-philosophical discipline to one involving magic and miracles. Perfection of the "practical Kabbalah," as its new aspect was called, was regarded as an antidote for utter physical powerlessness, by the Jews of France and Central Europe.

In the meantime, the Kabbalah's conceptual development continued in the largely unharassed communities of Spain. Rabbi Azriel ben Menachem of Catalonia coined the term En Sof — the Infinite One, in Hebrew — to note the formless, boundless, and infinite aspects of God.

Moshe Shem-Tov de Leon presented a mystical commentary on the Torah called the Zohar, the light of Illumination in Hebrew, which he attributed to 2nd century Judean sage Shimon bar Yochai. Incorporating the diverse elements of Jewish mysticism, the Zohar quickly became its canon. But Maimonides warned against dabbling in all aspects of mysticism, from lofty concepts to alchemy.

After the expulsion from Spain, Spanish kabbalists moved their centre to Safed, in the Holy Land. There, Rabbis Moses Cordevero, Solomon Alkabetz and Chaim Vital added new concepts. Joseph Caro, the great codifier of halacha, claimed that mystical profundities were divulged to him by an angel. Joseph Luria, rabbi of a neighboring synagogue in the same secluded hilltop Galil town, gave a new moral-spiritual direction to Jewish mysticism. Its proper practice, he elaborated, was to effect the messianic redemption of the world through releasing sparks of Divinity trapped in the coarser elements of creation.

The messianic fervor generated by Luria's concepts peaked with the rise and fall of pseudo-messiah Shabbtai Zvi in the 17th century. The Kabbala went underground, to be borrowed from with extreme selectivity and caution by chassidic sects of the 18th and 19th centuries. In the popular mind, the only vestiges of the Kabbalah were demons, spectres, dybbuks and the evil eye.

Scholem, born into an assimilated Jewish family in Germany, turned to Judaic studies, partly in reaction to the increasing anti-semitism around him; his brother plunged into Marxism. Scholem wrote his doctoral thesis in philosophy on the Sefer Ha-Bahir, a kabbalistic compilation older than the Zohar by several hundred years. It became a valuable addition to Jewish scholarship. He was 26. At about the same time, he moved to Israel where he began an association of nearly 50 years with Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

He approached the Kabbalah as a serious scholar, going on to write over 500 articles and books on the subject. His Major Trends in Jewish Mysticism, a study unsurpassed in comprehensiveness and clarity of style as well as scholarship became a widely read classic.

Alternative for religious Israelis

Orthodox doves claiming success

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Israel's small religious Zionist peace movement is starting to be listened to by the Israeli public as unease over Jewish extremism grows, says the spokesman of Oz Veshalom (Strength and Peace).

Yehezkel Landau, the movement's information secretary, is in Canada on a 2-week tour covering Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Montreal, Toronto and southern Ontario.

He admits Oz Veshalom, founded in 1975, has been "written off by the religious establishment as a fringe group, but that is happening less and less." A separate organization for Orthodox doves from Peace Now was established, he said, for practical reasons such as the fact that the religious could not take part in demonstrations on Shabbat, and to ensure that the religious argument for peace was not diluted in the broader political concerns.

Landau said Oz Veshalom's membership is about 1,000.

Oz Veshalom was founded to offer an alternative voice for religious Jews opposed to "dogmatic chauvinism" which they fear is undermining the Jewish ethics the state was founded upon. Oz Veshalom, which uses the quote from Psalms, "Seek peace and pursue it," as its slogan, believes the Jewish commandment to preserve life and seek justice overrides maintaining sovereignty over any territory.

While in Montreal, Landau gave three lectures, two at Concordia University on the topics "Security and Morality and the West Bank" and "Jews and Christians in Dialogue for Peace in the Middle East." His sponsors were the Canadian Jesuits, the Concordia Campus Ministry, Project Ploughshares, Quebec Peace Council, World Conference on Religion, Canadian Friends of Peace Now and the Hillel Student Society.

Landau also had a private meeting at Canadian Jewish Congress organized by the Board of Jewish Ministers of Greater Montreal.

The Jesuits invited Landau to Canada after meeting him on a trip to Israel last year.

Landau said the members of Gush Emunim have taken the commandment to settle the land of Israel as "the most important divine imperative" through a selective and subjective reading of the Torah. He called it "unfalse messianism."

Oz Veshalom believes Israel cannot remain a democratic and moral society if it continues to occupy the territories and deny the Arabs there less than full rights.

As its name implies, Oz Veshalom believes Israel must be strong but coexistence with Arab neighbors is the only true road to security, according to Landau.

The facts are, said Landau, that 1.5 million Arabs now live within the pre-1967 borders of Israel and annexation of the West Bank and Gaza will add at least a half-million more. The occupation of southern Lebanon has now brought another 60,000 hostile Shi'ites under Israeli rule, he said. Israel is headed toward becoming a binational state, said Landau.

Oz Veshalom's basic position is that Israel should be prepared to negotiate the sharing of sovereignty in Eretz Israel for the sake of saving lives. Where the border is to be drawn is secondary.

Chilean-born Landau is a graduate of the Harvard Divinity School and has done advanced Judaic studies at the Jerusalem Academy of Jewish Studies (Yeshivat Dvar Yerushalayim).

Oz Veshalom, he said, understands the military's desire to control the mountainous range running along the West Bank's length, but "there can be no secure and defensible borders with today's weaponry."

Members of Oz Veshalom have opened dialogue with Palestinians towards the goal of mutual respect. Orthodox Jews, said Landau must stop looking upon Moslems and Christians as "idolatrous pagans" and the Arabs must accept that the Jews are a nation — not only a religion — who have a right to a state.

The people of Gush Emunim are not wrong to say Jews belong on the West Bank, he said, but this does not necessarily mean they must have political sovereignty over the territory.

He advised that they "read the Bible more deeply and faithfully and not use it for national parochial purposes."

Plan parley in Saskatoon

SASKATOON —

The Small Communities Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress will hold its Western regional conference here Dec. 14-16.

The theme of the conference is "Staying Alive," and organizers expect that over 100 representatives of communities from west of Ontario will attend to discuss common programs and issues of local and national importance.

"This is an excellent opportunity for many community leaders to meet in a casual setting," said Laura Vinegar, national director of the Small Communities Department of Congress. "I expect that we will learn a lot from one another and get a better perspective on much of Congress' national work as well."

Highlights of the conference include a poetry reading and workshop on Canadian Jewish writers by poet Irving Layton, and workshops on Jewish music by Yossi Milo.

Other workshops and speakers will discuss community relations, Soviet Jewry, Holocaust programming, work on university campuses, adult and family programming, activities for seniors, communications, and programs under the Canada-Israel Committee and the Jewish National Fund.

Although advance registration indicates a high turnout, Vinegar says there is still room for late registrants. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Vinegar, director, Small Communities Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, 1590 Docteur Penfield Ave., Montreal, Que. H3G 1C5; telephone (514) 931-7531.

Israel looks for oil

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Armand Hammer, chairman of the Occidental Petroleum Corp., will help finance a new search for oil in Israel. The internationally prominent industrialist announced his intentions at a press conference in Los Angeles last week in the presence of Israel's minister of energy, Moshe Shahal.

Shahal, in an Israel Radio interview from California, said the participation of a man of Hammer's calibre was to be welcomed. He disclosed that Hammer has been discussing a joint deal with Premier Shimon Peres for the past six weeks and Peres asked the energy minister to take over and continue the negotiations.

Hammer has promised to invest $1 million as seed money to attract investments in a syndicate that will prospect for oil in Israel.

Israel sends food to aid starving

NEW YORK (JTA) —

A shipment of 4.5 tons of food was flown last week from JFK International Airport here on El Al planes to Israel and from there will be sent to Ethiopia, a spokesman for the Israel consulate said.

The shipment, part of the Israeli government's assistance to famine stricken Ethiopia, consists of donations arranged by Israel's consul-general in New York, Naphtali Lavie.

According to the spokesman, the commercial value of the shipment was about $100,000. It included over 100,000 portions of protein-enriched concentrated food and supplemental vitamins. The food portions are soya-based in order to avoid known adverse affects on famine victims.

Lavie and Ambassador Aharon Ofri of the Israel UN mission met with the Ethiopian ambassador to the UN Berhanu Dinka, and formally informed him of the Israeli assistance. Dinka, the spokesman said, "gratefully acknowledged this humanitarian gesture."

Meanwhile, in Israel, the Magen David Adom is undertaking a mass fund raising program to aid the victims of famine in Ethiopia. The campaign by Magen David Adom is in addition to the official Israel government aid to the Ethiopians.

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Editorial

Arab "sting"

If the plot had appeared in a fictional spy novel (so beloved by readers today) it would have been dismissed as improbable and beyond credulity.

The sovereign head of a North African state commissions a hit team to "take out" the former prime minister of that country because he represents an oppositionist view.

The gentleman in question, apprised of the assassination attempt, agrees to cooperate with Egyptian security officials in faking his own death (with Polaroid instant photographs of the bullet-ridden and blood covered body).

The assassins, who unknowingly have been infiltrated by Egyptian intelligence personnel, claim credit for a successful murder bid and receive ample remuneration.

Newspapers in the North African state publish stories about the death "by an execution squad," of an enemy of the state, whereupon the "enemy" appears, very much alive, to denounce the leadership of his former homeland.

Who is the author of this bizarre tale? Kafka, Le Carre, Irving? None other than Muammar Qaddafi, the Libyan dictator who incarnates the view that assassination is just another form of censorship.

Israel and certain Western governments have been trying, for years, to educate the world about the lunatic ambitions of a desert potentate whose messianic ambitions and vast oil revenues have involved him in terrorist activities in half a dozen countries.

It has taken another Arab leader, however, Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, to expose the scope and magnitude of his dangerous irrationality.

Heretofore terrorism has been the preserve of small, demented bands of desperate men. Qaddafi has shown that terrorism can be wrapped in the mantle of a state apparatus.

Soviet fox

There is no gainsaying that former President Richard Nixon did much to help stabilize Israel during the tumultous early days of the Yom Kippur War.

His direct orders to the then secretary of defense, James Schlesinger, to ship urgently needed war materiel to Israel via the Azores (against the advice of many of his cabinet colleagues) will always be remembered as a friendly and important gesture.

In view of this historical act it is astonishing to read that Nixon (in a recent interview in the Wall Street Journal) has been advocating the return of the Soviet Union into negotiations on the future of the Mideast.

The former President told Pulitzer-prize winning journalist Karen Elliot House that since the Camp David Accords and the Sadat-Begin initiatives, a dangerous inertia has set in. He also indicated that Israel's new leaders were "responsible" men who understand the need for a resolution to the current stalemate.

It is astonishing that Nixon sees a future Soviet presence as a way out of the stalemate.

Since 1967, when the politburo cut off diplomatic relations with the State of Israel (for having the audacity to defend itself against Nasserist ambitions and the threat of politicide), the Soviet Union has consistently followed a policy of hostility towards Israel.

In addition to its obstructionist policies against Israel, the Soviet Union has used its not inconsiderable resources to back the PLO with training, weapons and political clout, and has made a series of threats against Israel.

On several occasions in the intervening 17 years, the Israeli government has attempted to persuade the Soviets to renew diplomatic relations despite its hostile record — all to no avail.

Inviting the Soviets into future negotiations over the Mideast would be tantamount to inviting the fox into the chicken coop.

Estimates range as high as 2,000

Jews among the dead in Ethiopia

Adults and children are dying of hunger in Ethiopia and some of the victims have been Jews. [AP Wirephoto]

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Thousands of men, women and children are dying in Ethiopia, the victims of starvation, and among the dead are Jews.

Famine has been sweeping Ethiopia, a poor, underdeveloped country, for the past several years. But only of late, thanks to the impact of television, has the conscience of the world been awakened to the tragedy.

Reports appearing in the Jewish Chronicle of London and The New York Times speak of as many as 2,000 Ethiopian Jews who have been struck down by hunger.

Writing in the Times recently, Simcha Jacobovici — a Canadian who has lectured on the problems of Jews in Ethiopia — claimed that at least 1,300 Jews, mostly children, have died since April of this year, in refugee camps outside Ethiopia.

The Chronicle, in a roundup filed by correspondents from London, New York and Washington, said the exact number of dead and dying is not known, but Yaacov Babu, an Ethiopian Jewish engineer who has lived in Israel for 10 years, claims that upwards of 15 Jews who venture into the camps die each day.

It is generally agreed that 8,000 Jews are still left in Ethiopia, a nation in the throes of civil war. About 10,000 Jews are in refugee camps, while 7,000 have made their way to Israel with the help of the Israeli government.

Israel says it is making every effort to get the Jews out of Ethiopia, which has no diplomatic relations with Jerusalem, but Jacobovici appears to regard this claim with some skepticism. [See also CJN Nov. 22.]

Basing his opinion on interviews he has conducted with Ethiopian Jews, he surmises that Israel could be doing more to secure the emigration of Jewry from that sorrowful land.

Jacobovici, the maker of a documentary film entitled Falasha: Exile of the Black Jews, says that Israel is aware of a recent trip made to Addis Ababa by a top-ranking British diplomat who was assured that Jews are free to leave Ethiopia.

He implies that Israel should therefore explore this apparent opening. Israel, for its part, says that the Ethiopian regime has not loosened up its emigration restrictions.

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THE GOVERNOR

Madeleine Kunin's name has been entered into the history books. On Nov. 6, she was elected governor of Vermont, thereby becoming the first woman, the first Jew and only the third Democrat in 130 years to win that honor.

What is all the more interesting about her is that she is an immigrant.

She was born in Zurich, Switzerland, 51 years ago, and arrived with her family in the U.S. in 1940. In 1947, she became an American citizen.

It isn't clear why the Kunins left Switzerland — which has long been a neutral nation — but Kunin said in a recent interview that their departure from Europe politicized her.

A mother of four children, Kunin defeated the attorney-general by a very narrow margin to win the governorship in a state that has been traditionally Republican. Vermont's population is 516,000, of whom 2,500 are Jewish.

Between 1978 and 1982 Kunin was lieutenant governor. Prior to that she served in the Vermont House of Representatives. In 1982, she was beaten for the governorship by Richard Snelling, who is retiring.

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JEWISH GANGSTERS IN NY

In the 18th and 19th centuries, American Jews had a reputation for being peaceful, law-abiding citizens. Police officials in New York often commended the city's Jews for keeping their neighborhoods free of crime and, in Washington, Jews were singled out by one newspaper as being "among our best citizens."

By the close of the last century, the picture of Jews had changed rather dramatically, particularly in New York City.

The Lower East Side, a hub of Jewish life, was described by one prominent civic reformer as "a distinct centre of crime," while Polish and Russian Jews were called "the worst element" in all of New York.

But, as Jenna Weissman Joselit points out in Our Gang (Indiana University Press, $19.95), Jewish criminal activity was largely an "immigrant phenomenon," a function of dislocation and poverty.

Reaching its peak in the pre-World War I period, Jewish crime was so blatant that it came to be regarded as a serious problem by both Jews and non-Jews. Nevertheless, at no time during this era did Jews have more lawbreakers than their proportion of the population.

According to Joselit, whose absorbing book is well worth reading, Jews tended to violate property rather than persons: they engaged in arson, horse poisoning (when automobiles were still rare), fencing and pickpocketing, although they were also involved in white slavery and prostitution. Rarely did they gravitate toward murder, assault or rape.

Joselit, whose study covers 1900 to 1940, notes that the Lower East Side became a real "police problem" and, as one journalist of the day put it, "a nursery of crime."

Brothels were scattered throughout the neighborhood, and virtually every street had its own disorderly houses. If a woman called out to you, recalls an oldtimer who was interviewed by Joselit, "you know she wasn't calling you to a minyan."

The existence of Jewish prostitutes, arsonists and burglars was generally a source of deep embarrassment to well-off Jews. Yet, to poorer Jews, the criminal class was capable of rendering public service.

Judge Jonah Goldstein tells Joselit that some of the criminals protected immigrant, bearded Jews from anti-semitic marauders and, therefore, performed something of a mitzvah. Claims the judge: "It was that conduct, more than any police . . . that stopped the pulling of beards . . ."

During Prohibition, Jews were entangled in bootlegging, and later, in labor racketeering.

Jewish bootleggers like Waxy Gordon and Longy Zwillman were notorious, and Louis "Lepke" Buchalter was probably the best known racketeer. In 1935, at the zenith of his career, he is said to have controlled the baking, flour-trucking, dress-making, fur and garment industries.

Indeed, as Joselit writes, both labor and management made liberal use of Buchalter's strongmen to enforce their respective policies.

Arnold Rothstein, the son of wealthy Jews who were pillars of the Upper West Side's Orthodox community, is, in her view, a seminal figure in the pantheon of Jewish criminals. With a natural flair for business, he transformed criminal activity from a haphazard, often spontaneous endeavor into one whose hallmarks "corresponded to the classic sociological model of a bureaucracy."

Figures such as Rothstein and Buchalter, however, were throwbacks to the past. They were, as she states, representatives of "a one generation phenomenon." By 1940, police blotters were still filled with the names of Jewish mobsters. But the heyday of Jewish involvement in crime had already passed.

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Royal Library magnet for scholars

Denmark boasts huge collection of Judaica

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

COPENHAGEN —

One of Europe's greatest collection of Judaica and Hebraica, which was miraculously untouched by the Nazis, is found in a country whose entire Jewish population of 7,000 to 8,000 could easily fit into a compact neighborhood in Toronto, Montreal or New York.

The Royal Library of Copenhagen, with some 70,000 books of Jewish interest, is more or less on a par with such renowned libraries as the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris and the British Museum in London.

"What is really spectacular is that, with such a small Jewish community, Denmark is so rich in Judaica and Hebraica," said Ulf Haxen, the curator of the library's Jewish section.

Judaica refers to books on Jewish themes published in different languages, while Hebraica is printed in Hebrew.

The holdings of the library — which is practically a stone's throw away from Copenhagen's famous statue, The Little Mermaid — include 45,000 volumes of Judaica and 25,000 of Hebraica.

It also contains more than 50 incunabula (the earliest printed books) and about 400 manuscripts.

A magnet for scholars from around the world, the library may very well be worth its weight in gold. "The total value of the books is astronomical," explained Haxen, a Semitic philologist who specializes in Hebrew literature, particularly that of medieval Spain. "Many of these books are simply priceless."

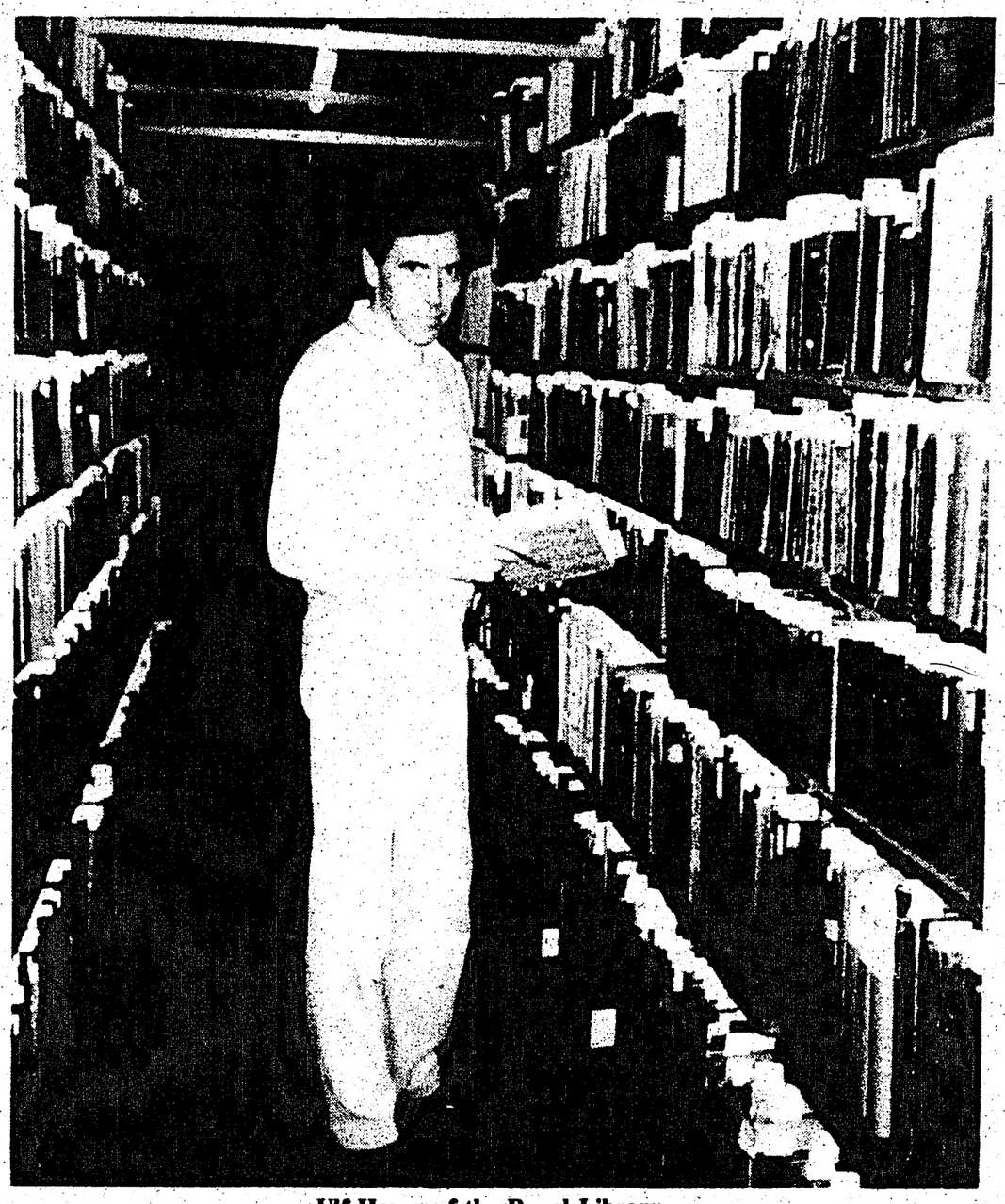
Asked to elaborate, Haxen said that the Royal Library is in possession of the world's only illuminated copy of Maimonides' Guide to the Perplexed, penned in Barcelona in 1348.

Lovingly, Haxen removed it from a box and showed it to this reporter, carefully turning the exquisitely-illustrated parchment pages.

Haxen, a man of 50 with sandy hair, an athletic build and a loping stride, gave another example of the enormous dollar value of the collection.

When the Royal Library decided to mount a modest exhibit in the U.S. recently, consisting of just 30 items, the insurance value was a cool $5 million, he said.

Having whetted my curiosity, I asked Haxen to pick out some of the more valuable books in the labyrinthine library.



Ulf Haxen of the Royal Library.

Consulting his catalogue, he ticked off several with the flick of a pen. They were: a Bavarian Pentateuch written in 1290, a Responsa in Maghribi Hebrew from Fez (circa 1543), an 18th century Moravian prayerbook, and a Spanish manuscript of poems by Golden Age poets like Yehuda Halevi and Shlomo ibn Gabirol.

Some of the most treasured acquisitions, such as Guide to the Perplexed, were acquired hundreds of years ago, when the library was in its formative stage.

Founded by Denmark's first absolute king, Frederik III (1648-1670), the Royal Library has steadily built up its holdings of Judaica and Hebraica. In the 17th century, when Hebrew language and literature were studied as ardently as Greek and Latin, Danish scholars and travelers brought back Hebrew books they had bought abroad.

A century later, by which time the library was the proud possessor of Guide to the Pexplexed, a group of Danes went to the Middle East and managed to procure valuable Hebrew, Arabic and Persian manuscripts.

When the 19th century dawned, Haxen said, the Royal Library had 5,000 volumes of Judaica and Hebraica. Among the rarities on its shelves was a set of the first complete edition of the Babylonian Talmud, edited by Daniel Bomberg in Venice between 1520 and 1522.

Nazis didn't molest the Jewish collection

In 1853, a Danish Jewish businessman, Simon Eibeschutz, endowed the Royal Library and this fund enabled it to supplement its Jewish collection.

Nearly 80 years elapsed before the Royal Library acquired what is arguably its most dazzling acquisition — the Simonsen collection.

David Simonsen, Denmark's Chief Rabbi from 1892 to 1902, was a scholar and bibliophile whose interests ranged from philosophy and Arabic to general history and folklore.

When he died, he left a vast personal library of 40,000 manuscripts, letters and books. With generous donations from the Carlsberg Foundation, the L. Zeuthan Memorial Foundation and the government, the Royal Library purchased a good part of it.

Simonsen's collection included the Soncino Incunabulum, the oldest illustration in Hebrew book printing, two collections of Responsa by Maimonides, and a polemical letter, allegedly from Rabbi Johannan ben Zakkai to the Jews of Rome, warning them against Christianity.

Haxen believes that a combination of sheer chance and German disinterest contributed to the fact that the Nazis did not molest the Jewish collection.

Ironically enough, the Nazis unwittingly supplied the Royal Library with books. After Germany's surrender in 1945, a cache of anti-Jewish publications was found in Nazi headquarters, and these were incorporated into its anti-semitica section.

Haxen said that anti-semitic literature, by such German writers as Alfred Rosenberg, Gottfried Feder and Theodor Fritsch, is loaned only to bona fide scholars.

In the post-war period, the Royal Library augmented its collection acquiring the collections of Moses Friediger, the former Chief Rabbi, and of Talmudic scholar Lazarus Goldschmidt.

The books bequeathed by Goldschmidt included a 1492 Italian Hebrew Bible and the rare Gerson Cohen Prague Haggadah of 1520.

North America has been a source of books, too.

The Jewish Public Library in Montreal, as well as The Jewish Daily Forward of New York, have been benefactors.

Considering its reputation, the Royal Library has a surprisingly limited budget. Haxen said that, on an annual basis, only 200 to 300 old books can be restored. The new-book budget, he added, is $6,000 per year.

It has occurred to him that the Royal Library could solve its financial problems by selling off merely one of its rare books. Haxen, however, has rejected the notion more than once.

Haxen, who has a knowledge of Hebrew, Yiddish, Aramaic, Arabic, Syriac and Old Ethiopian, said in an interview that he was drawn to things Jewish by his mother, who was part Jewish.

As the Nazis deemed the Haxens racially impure, he and his family were forced to flee Denmark in 1943. Together with Denmark's total Jewish population, the Haxens fled to Sweden for the duration of the war.

When he was 17, Haxen spent one year living on a kibbutz, where he picked up Hebrew. Years later he took his sabbatical at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Haxen, who has taught medieval Jewish literature at the University of Copenhagen, supervises a staff of five librarians. Although they are overworked and suffer from a dearth of funds, they are doing their best to maintain the stellar traditions of the Royal Library.

King Frederik III, had he been alive, would probably have agreed.

Bronze figure honors garment worker

By
GERALD REGAN

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The bronze figure of a yarmulka-wearing man sits in a midtown plaza here, a tribute to America's one million garment workers. The middle aged man sits behind his whirring sewing machine, deeply and contentedly absorbed in his work.

Yet "The Garment Worker," representative of the tens of thousands of East European Jews who found employment in the garment industry earlier this century, never would have come about if not for the resolve of an Israeli-born artist and a lucky twist of fate.

To create the bronze figure, sculptress Judith Weller, who resides in Manhattan, said she relied upon memories and some sculpting done over a period of time of her somewhat reluctant "very Orthodox" father, a garment worker for 15 years.

The 47-year-old artist told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that she intends the work to be a living tribute to the workers who helped make the garment business one of the nation's largest manufacturing industries. Weller called the sculpture "a very personal work," evoked, she said, from her "earliest memories" of her father, as he was at his sewing machine.

Weller said her Hungarian-born father was in his 80s and that he had worked as a tailor in Tel Aviv after arriving as an illegal immigrant from Hungary in the early 1930s. She herself came to New York from Israel in 1957 as a 20-year-old exchange student. She said her parents followed several years later to be near her. She has held down various jobs since then, including teaching drawing at City College and Hebrew at a now closed local yeshiva.

Weller said her father was not pleased at the prospect of being sculpted because of what she said was the stricture from the Ten Commandments against "creating graven images."

Weller nevertheless succeeded in getting at least his toleration of her effort. She said he would sit for her on her visits to her parents in Brooklyn and she would sculpt as he would become absorbed in sewing. When visitors came, Weller said, she would have to hide her work.

David Dubinsky was a longtime president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Her efforts produced a 2-foot-high statue which would several years later be the basis for The Garment Worker. She said she was often told by some of those who viewed the earlier work that it reminded them of their own garment worker fathers.

As more people began telling her that they were moved by her piece, she got the notion to create the larger work and to place it in the garment district. In this, she received the encouragement of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU).

The sculpture weighs 1,500 pounds, while its 1-foot-high granite base, which measures roughly 6 feet by 5 feet, weighs 6,000, said Jenny Dixon, the executive director of the Public Art Fund, a non-profit organization which helped Weller through the maze of reviews required before the city let her instal the sculpture publicly.

Weller said she worked on the figure of the garment worker for more than a year, sometimes 13 hours a day, without eating, after traveling five miles to a foundry in Astoria.

While she sculpted, ILGWU president Sol Chaiken coordinated an effort to raise the approximately $30,000 needed for its completion and installation. She received no remuneration.

All told 43 unions, firms, banks, trade associations or individuals, almost all with links to the fashion industry, contributed to the work, now located at Seventh Ave. and 39th St.

Prior to the sculpting, Weller futilely combed the garment district for a home for the sculpture. On the verge of despair, she finally found a site she felt appropriate, offering, she said, a "very human area," where nearby garment workers could come to on their lunch breaks, sit and "really feel good" about their work.

The lucky twist of fate followed. Weller was told by a city aide that it would not be likely that the owner of the site would allow her to use valuable midtown real estate. But the aide apparently misjudged the owner, the noted Jewish philanthropist Jack Weiler. He agreed to share the site with the tribute and a plaza was laid out with trees, flowers and benches to accommodate Weller's work.

The Garment Worker, which was completed in May, was placed in the plaza in August. The official unveiling took place last month, during which Mayor Edward Koch, perhaps echoing the sentiments of thousands of New York Jews, quipped, "How do you know what my uncle looked like?" He explained that his uncle was in needlewear.

Weller said that in her sculpture she endeavored to represent the "triumph and dignity for every human being." She explained that, despite the often slavish conditions which existed in the turn of the century sweatshops, "there was still love for work and they still produced beautiful things."

Opinion

English Jewry has long history

Lesson of Jews' College warning to evangelical right

By
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[President, National Jewish Resource Centre]

From the strong criticism of the "excessive" separation of religious from public life leveled by President Reagan, the Moral Majority, and others, one would think that "establishment" is the best thing for religion. But the evidence of Judaism's experience in modern times points to exactly the opposite conclusion. November 1984 marks the 129th anniversary of Jews' College, the official rabbinical seminary of English Jewry. Some reflections on this occasion on the experience of the rabbinate in England may shed some light on the church-state issue.

English Jewry's history goes way back, including expulsion in medieval times and readmission in the 17th century. In the 19th century, the struggle over political emancipation for Jews was fought and won. However, England had the model of an established religion (Anglicanism) that continued with official governmental support even after the democratization of the political system.

In partial imitation of that model, Chief Rabbi Nathan Marcus Adler initiated an association of the (Ashkenazi) congregations in London, which was called the United Synagogue and established by Act of Parliament July 14, 1870. The concept was attractive and well-meaning. All income was to be paid into a common pool and rabbis' salaries and other expenses were to be paid by the United Synagogue. Thus, the wealthier congregations would support the poorer synagogues and the cost of general communal services.

The combination of official standing and social status implicit in a Chief Rabbinate structure led the United Synagogues to become, in the words of the Encyclopedia Judaica, "one of the most powerful centralized bodies in the Jewish world." Socially, the elite joined and remained part of the United Synagogue establishment — even when they were non-observant and despite the fact that the United Synagogue was Orthodox. The Chief Rabbi and London Bet Din (rabbinic court) wielded unusual power. The United Synagogue had control of the nomination process for designating rabbis of congregations.

By 1970, the United Synagogue had 23 constituent synagogues with 20,000 members and 35 affiliated congregations with 40,000 families — half the Jewish population of London.

There were some gains: a high level of communal standards was maintained in kashrut and conversion. The rabbis were relatively independent of the lay people, which prevented some of the vulgarization of the rabbinate that occurs in America under popular pressure.

In 1855, Jews' College was set up by the Chief Rabbi to train rabbis to meet higher standards and to provide clergymen who had university degrees. Their jobs were, in effect, guaranteed by the later establishment of the United Synagogue and its connection to Jews' College.

As it turned out, the official standing was a blessing at high cost. The economic and social leadership of English Jewry tended to be more assimilated individuals but official standing and their personal official roles kept them in the United Synagogue.

The result was a leadership nominally Orthodox but really marginal in religious interest and indifferent spiritually. The dominance of such leadership was chilling to the religious spirit of the United Synagogue and inimical to the development of its spiritual leadership. The preference for a socially respectable and not too spiritually enthusiastic rabbi led to the atmosphere of "gentleman scholar" at Jews' College which was weak in traditional learning and religious spirit.

The rabbis had to please the United Synagogue leadership and not so much the congregation in order to obtain and maintain their positions.

The net result was a bureaucratic rabbi type who lacked power or impact on his congregations. Adding injury to insult and reflecting the weak attitudes and commitments, rabbinic salaries were low.

Jews' College limped along — from 1883 to 1965 it qualified 91 people as ministers with university degrees, with only 65 getting rabbinical diplomas.

From the 1880s on, the Jewish mass emigration from Eastern Europe brought a flood of new immigrants, mostly Orthodox, to England. While many joined the existing United Synagogues, the tone of that institution led to a "negative selection." The more nominal and/or assimilating joined United Synagogue while many of the religiously more passionate sought other outlets. They finally organized a Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations in 1926. Gateshead Yeshiva — with a higher degree of traditional rabbinic learning and religious commitment — was founded in 1927.

The Jews' College building in London's Finsbury Square.

This group also started secondary day schools in England.

In other words, the non-establishment group was free to create vital new institutions and to work with likeminded people to intensify Jewish life. But the new vitality was often associated with Agudath Israel anti-Zionist attitudes.

After World War II, a new wave of immigration injected new strength into all groups. Isidore Epstein, himself trained in yeshivas as well as Jews' College, revamped and expanded that institution's student body and teacher training. However, the other groups — ranging from the right wing Orthodox to Reform — were also strengthened.

Finally, a new leadership took control of the United Synagogue. Coming to power in the shadow of the right wing Orthodox surge, the new directors swung the United Synagogue to the right — often in imitation of the Agudah approaches — thus weakening the broader communal sense which was one of the redeeming features of the establishment.

Rabbi Louis Jacobs, one of the few vital rabbinic figures who came out of the United Synagogue upsurge, was scheduled to become the head of Jews' College. Jacobs was liberal in his thinking and ran afoul of growing right wing influence. Finally, his appointment to Jews' College was vetoed because he made concessions to the claims of Bible criticism. Eventually he was driven out of the United Synagogue. This pushed that institution further to the right.

By eliminating an ideological debate, the United Synagogue leadership all but insured that its rabbis would teach only an almost mindless fundamentalism. The lack of lay congregational input also meant that the strong traditionalist influence was able to seize control over a narrow band of levers of power and further push the rabbinate into right wingism and poor contact with its real constituency.

In 1966, Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits was elected Chief Rabbi of England. His own intensity and stature had been nurtured by going outside the English system to serve in the American (non-establishment) Orthodox rabbinate. Jakobovits did bring new vitality — including an all out commitment to day schools which he had learned in the United States and which led to a doubling of that school system. Still, Jakobovits himself complained about the conventionality and shallowness of English Jewish life.

Despite Jakobovits' intense efforts, including repeated changes of leadership, Jews' College slipped deeper and deeper into innocuous desuetude and all but died. It seemed able to produce only "reverends" who were weak both in traditional learning and modern scholarship. By contrast, the independent higher yeshivot grew to far larger numbers and to more intense religious life.

The final chapter of Jews' College history is not yet written. Its main hope for rebirth lies in a new headmaster — a man whose own scholarly and spiritual intensity led him to the brink of accepting an American pulpit because he saw the inimical effects of the establishment arrangement. His own approach to reviving Jews' College borrows heavily from the experience of the independent yeshivot in the United States and Israel. It remains to be seen whether "establishmentism" will have proven to be a terminal spiritual illness.

The lesson of Jews' College is a warning to the new evangelical right in America. Fundamentalists might ask themselves whether their own current vitality is not a reflection of the advantages of their having **not** been established — indeed of having been outsiders culturally and spiritually in recent decades. One is tempted to put a warning label on proposals for Christianizing America. "WARNING: The Historian-General has determined that establishment is hazardous to your spiritual health."

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Soviet Jews keep a low profile in Austria

VIENNA (JCNS) —

Officially, they do not exist at all. They do not even appear in any Austrian government statistics.

Who are they, these non-persons? They are Soviet Jews who have established themselves in Vienna after a brief sojourn in Israel following their emigration from the Soviet Union.

So determinedly do they maintain their low profile that their numbers can be only vaguely estimated between 3,000 and 4,000. This is a not insignificant figure, bearing in mind that there are only some 14,000 "official" Jews in Austria.

Austrians, Jews and non-Jews alike, refer to the Soviet emigrants as "the Russians." This is a misnomer, since only a minority are Russian-speakers. Many have only a smattering of Russian, and their German is no better.

This makes communication with them doubly difficult — doubly, because most of them are not very communicative in any case. The majority are Bokharans, and Georgians.

They are totally different from previous groups of Soviet Jews temporarily stranded in Vienna after leaving Israel. The earlier groups either clamored for return visas to the Soviet Union or for admission to the United States.

Today's "Russians" know that these two doors are closed to them — as are virtually all other doors. They could return to Israel, but since they do not want to do so, they are adapting themselves to an indefinite (and often illegal or semi-legal) stay in Austria.

In the course of time, some have obtained regular, although badly paid, jobs and this has enabled them to wheedle residence permits out of the Austrian authorities, whose attitude is best described as laissez-faire.

The majority, however, eke out a living by doing odd jobs around Mexico Square, on the banks of the Danube, where all the steamers from Eastern bloc countries discharge their passengers and smaller cargoes.

The Soviet Jews act as "shleppers," guiding East European tourists to shops in the area which cater for their needs. The shleppers also do a bit of currency changing and buy smuggled goods — mainly cigarettes and drink — from the steamer crews and passengers. The transactions are on such a small scale that the authorities turn a blind eye to them.

Views differ about how observant the Soviet Jews in Vienna are. Many claim to be strictly observant, especially when trying to obtain assistance from local Orthodox groups. But there is no mistaking their Jewishness. When a local Jewish periodical raised the remote possibility that the Bokharans among them might be descended from the Khazars, the Bokharans protested violently.

For a long time, the communal leadership in Vienna took little notice of the Russians, who complained bitterly that they were being ignored and neglected. Eventually, the community opened an office to assist them, particularly with securing accommodation in Jewish-owned housing and jobs in Jewish firms.

The biggest success was the establishment of a Bokharan synagogue — cum-community centre in premises made available by the Vienna community.

Also a number of teenagers were taken on as apprentices by Jewish tradesmen. The first furrier's apprentice, a Bokharan, recently obtained his master furrier's certificate.

Other young people have not been so successful — or enterprising — and, according to their elders, tend to drift into crime and drugs.

Unbelievable, unexpected are commonplace in Israel

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

We have long since given up being surprised at anything in Israel. The unbelievable and the unexpected are commonplace, as witness the following collection of recent events and observations.

Realism in economics. In a courtyard of one of the ancient churches in Jerusalem is a pleasant, tree-shaded pool into which tourists are tempted to toss coins, in keeping with custom in many lands. Indeed, at the bottom of the pool may be seen the cold cash, token of the casual visitors' respect for tradition, or perhaps superstitious desire for fulfillment of who knows what private wishes.

But who put up the neatly lettered sign which reads: "Because of inflation, foreign currency only, please."

Is pornography a matter of geography? The Japanese Museum in Haifa scheduled a public lecture on "Erotic Art in the Far East." Only 25 people showed up for the talk, most of them of an age when their interest in the subject is doubtless purely academic.

Isn't this carrying Reform too far? From an old ad in The Jerusalem Post in September: "Union of American Hebrew Congregation, Youth Program in Israel — Rosh Hashanah at Harel Synagogue. . . . All services according to Reform nusach. The charge for the seder meal is 800 shekels."

The stronger sex. Israel's latest census reveals that there are 157,000 widows in the country, against one-fifth that number of widowers. In the Jewish population there are 985 men for every 1,000 women, whereas in the Arab sector there are 1,041 men to every 1,000 women.

Best investment he ever made. Albert Mizri, a philanthropic-minded businessman, contributed funds to the Wolfson Hospital for purchase of a sophisticated gastroscope, which can inspect the interior of the stomach. On a recent visit to the hospital, the instrument was demonstrated on Mizri, and the physicians found a previously undetected growth, necessitating an immediate operation which probably saved his life.

The law must be enforced. About 450 deaf Israelis gathered for a demonstration outside the Knesset to call attention to what they felt was neglect of some of their problems. The police required that they bring an amplifying system. When it was explained that the deaf demonstrators would not require amplification, the police still insisted; the rules required a loudspeaker for every demonstration.

One gets hanged, the other hung. At a recent convention of Israeli accountants, President Chaim Herzog met Edward Mendelevy, his income tax collector. Quipped Herzog: "As a general rule, taxpayers would like to hang their tax collector, but I'm the only taxpayer in the country who is hung on the wall of the tax collector," in reference to the custom that the President's picture is displayed in most government offices.

New laurels for Israel medical training. The N.E. Journal of Medicine reports that in 1981 a total of 79 Americans who had studied medicine in Israel took the American exams to practice medicine in the U.S. Whereas only about two-thirds of other Americans, who had studied in France and Italy, passed the license examinations, all 79 graduates from Israel were accepted.

Up in the air. The longest overhead cable car in the world between two points is now being constructed by the Israel army on Mount Hermon, according to the military weekly, Bamahaneh.

Orthodox music. One of the Knesset members on the Morasha list is Rabbi Avraham Verdiger, who lives in an ultra-Orthodox neighborhood. He is a gifted piano player and enjoys music, his favorite composer being Shostakovich. Verdiger explains why he never goes to concerts: "If there were separate seating for men and women I would be happy to go."

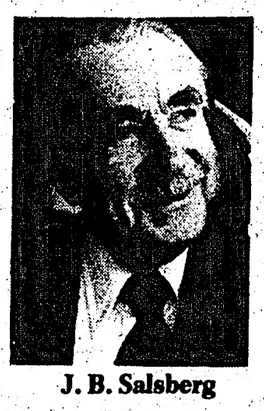
It's the discipline. A young Israeli soldier, cornered after engaging in a bank robbery, defied all attempts by police, family, friends and psychologists to get him to come out. Brandishing his gun, he held them all at bay. His top sergeant was then summoned, and the latter barked out in stentorian tone: "Your come out of there at once!" The boy dropped his gun and emerged meekly.

Wilenskys inherited Zhuravitzer code

Dr. Chayim graced a noble tradition

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Dr. Hyman (Chayim) Wilensky, a lifelong resident of London, Ont., passed away on Oct. 17. His death is, of course, a grievous loss to his illustrious family, to his many friends, as it surely is to the entire Jewish community of London, whose development was significantly influenced by the deceased and his widow, Rebecca.



J. B. Salsberg

But in a broader sense the death of Dr. Hyman Wilensky vacates the honorific position of the outstanding bearer of the Zhuravitz tradition among the privileged collective that traces its roots to that town that endowed all of Jewry with wonderful types of Jewish human beings.

It was my good fortune to have become inseparably linked with that inspiring branch of East Europen Jewry. I became intimately engaged with the bearers of the Zhuravitzer tradition in this country, in the U.S. and in Israel and I bear witness that in all my contacts with them I have not found one Zhuravitzer whom I didn't like or admire.

Dr. Hyman Wilensky best personified that tradition in the recent past.

Of the Zhuravitzer I became intimately linked with, there were three families who intermarried and refined the glorious Zhuravitz tradition to new heights. They were the Wilenskys, the Korotkins and the Bograds.

Their common characteristic was: honesty to the point of fault; dedication and pious respect for education ("learning"); an abiding devotion to Jewishness — a concept that extended from the yeshiva to secular Jewish moral and ethical practices; devotion to the belief that Jewish renaissance requires the return to the ancient homeland and rebuild it on the basis of prophetic (or Socialist) justice (they founded kibbutzim 50 years ago); and, finally, an active involvement in the day-to-day efforts to achieve social welfare and human dignity for all among whom we live.

Quite a code for a worthwhile Jewish lifestyle! Quite a tradition to inherit and to advance!

Of the Wilenskys in this country there were three brothers, Chayim, Mendle and Beryl and one sister, Rochel (Oppenheim). All but Chayim settled in London while Chayim and his wife Keyleh Mereh made their home in Toronto.

Founded medical dynasty

All worked hard, all could be offered the once prideful tribute of having been "yegiah kapaim" types — people who earn their livelihood by the toil of their hands.

Chayim, the eldest of the brothers, was blessed with four charming, ethical daughters with an insatiable thirst for knowledge and good deeds. The girls used the summer months to help finance the school year. All of them went to the Toronto Peretz school. All became playground supervisors in the summers and all became involved in Jewish youth organizations and activities. Of the extraordinary and brilliant four daughters one became a medical doctor (Dr. Bertha Wilensky) and three became leading social workers. (Dora Wilensky, the eldest daughter, served the Toronto Jewish community as head of the Jewish Family & Child Service organization, while Jenny and Faygel served with distinction in New York and San Francisco.)

In London, Mendle and Beryl operated an old-fashioned family grocery store in which every member of both families helped. Mendle's family was larger and Beryl and Chashe had one child, Chayim, (Dr. Hyman Wilensky), whose memory we are now honoring.

Aside from helping in the store the boys delivered ice during the summer months to enable them to attend university. In due time there were three Doctors Wilensky: Dr. Hyman and two cousins (Tommy and Abe) who established themselves in Michigan where there is now a second generation of Wilensky medicos.

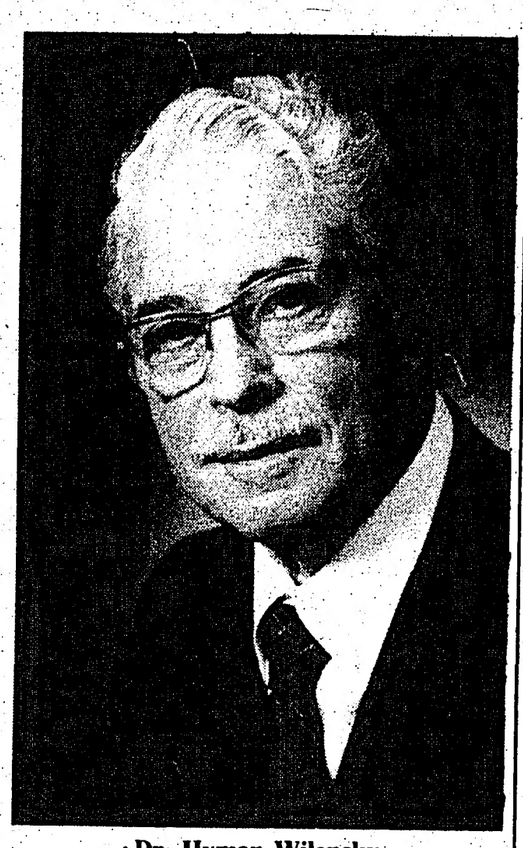
Dr. Hyman remained in London and brought his young wife, Rebecca, from Detroit, to make their home in London. Rebecca's background as a schoolteacher and also teacher of Hebrew led the new couple into the challenging Jewish educational area of London. They served that field through the years.

Dr. Hyman and Rebecca Wilensky were blessed with four children; Dr. Beryl (named after the Zaida) and her husband, Dr. Noam Cheernick, who practiced in London; Dr. Allen (and his wife Judi) Wilensky, a leading medical researcher in Seattle; Dr. Lieba and her husband Dr. David Lesk, of Toronto, and Dr. Marshall Wilensky and his wife, Dr. Patricia of Vancouver.

What a prideful constellation of children engaged in the most meaningful service to mankind! What a medical dynasty! (all of whom are also involved in their local Jewish communities). Yes, and Elisheva, the eldest daughter of Drs. Beryl and Noam, of London, has, as I hear it, entered the pre-medical course of London's medical school.

The third generation of Wilensky doctors is on the way.

To have attended, as I had the privilege to do, the bat mitzvahs of Drs. Beryl and Noam's daughters in London was to have unforgettable sights.



Dr. Hyman Wilensky

The Wilensky tribe of women, the worthy heirs of the Zhuravitzer tradition, literally take over the synagogue services on such occasions. Mother, grandmother, the bat mitzvah and her sisters conduct the major portion of the services; they not only take out and return the Torahs but each of them reads her portion. I revelled at the sight and sound of it. That, I thought to myself, is the manifestation, of essential Zhuravitzer Jewish lifestyle . . . adjusted to modern requirements.

Dr. Hyman deserved to have borne the crown of seniority in the Zhuravitzer tribe, as did his forerunner, Dora Wilensky, the honored Canadian Jewish social worker of Toronto.

I know — for Dora was my wife and Dr. Hyman Wilensky was my respected friend since his boyhood days. May their exemplary lives be honored and emulated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

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RESENT KAHANE SHUTOUT

We deeply resent the intervention by representatives of the Canadian Jewish Establishment with the Canadian government to prevent Rabbi Meir Kahane from entering Canada to explain his position to a Jewish audience.

The Establishment was never democratically elected, does not represent us or hundreds of thousands of other Canadian Jews, and has no mandate to enforce its censorship on the Jewish community.

Sid and Gloria Soban
Toronto

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DISGUSTED BY DEMOCRATS

I was disgusted by your article in the Nov. 15 issue concerning American Jewish voting patterns.

Ronald Reagan has supported Israel and Jewish perspectives better than any recent American President and he deserved far better than some 30% support from Jews.

If Jews are ever to be perceived as something other than a minority ethnic group, then they had better start using their highly vaunted intelligence and stop voting for old romantic traditionalized ideals that do not currently serve Jewish interests.

The Democrats are the party of Jesse Jackson and Jimmy Carter, neither of whom represent any warm associations with the community. And that is what 70% of American Jews are aligning themselves with?

Steven Gurian
Toronto

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REGRETS KINGSTON OMISSIONS

Unfortunately, your Oct. 25 article headed "Kingston shul celebrates its 75th anniversary" does little justice to a congregation that has grown steadily over the years, and has become a bastion of Judaism in the otherwise non-Jewish wilderness of Eastern Ontario.

The article does not mention that Beth Israel is the recipient of a magnanimous gift from the Samuel Robinson Foundation, which will enable it to undergo needed expansion to accommodate the ever-increasing demands made on it by an active and vibrant congregation.

Also neglected was any mention of the mikveh project Beth Israel is undergoing. A mikveh will be constructed in Kingston, with great thanks due the members of Beth Israel and interested friends in the Toronto Jewish community.

Construction on our new synagogue expansion which include our mikveh will begin in 1985.

Rabbi Howard Finkelstein
Kingston, Ont.

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DEFENDS ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Re Paula Feigelsohn's Nov. 8 letter headed "Eleanor Roosevelt Versus Jews":

Once again your resident defender of the faith, Ms. Feigelsohn, has chosen to ignore the good in anyone or anything remotely construed as anti-semitic.

Her latest diatribe excoriates Eleanor Roosevelt for not putting enough pressure on her husband to aid fleeing Jewish refugees during World War II.

Surely Ms. Feigelsohn does not believe that Eleanor Roosevelt could single-handedly have convinced her husband to make a decision that practically all of U.S. officialdom was against.

In light of Mrs. Roosevelt's clearly un-anti-semitic support for the creation of an Israeli state, I for one laud the memory and spirit of this fine woman.

Jon Bayer
Toronto

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DIVINE SARAH WAS DUTCH

I would like to correct Sam Stein's Oct. 17 letter claiming that the great Jewish actress, the divine Sarah Bernhardt, was born in Paris in 1843. Actually, she was born in Amsterdam, in a basement in a small marketplace called Markenplein, in the Jewish quarter of the city, in the year 1844. Over this basement was a pub by the name of The Bishop.

When, later on in Paris, the divine Sarah was baptized, the Dutch Jews, with a good sense of humor, accounted for this by the statement: "Small wonder, Sarah was born below or under the Bishop."

Hyman Vos
Amstelveen, The Netherlands

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Kinder Kids Moishele and Malka

DOLL STORY ANTI-GOYISH?

I was disturbed by Frank Rasky's Nov. 15 article reporting on the Jewish Kinder Kid dolls, Moishele and Malka, as an alternative to the conventional Cabbage Patch Kids, which Mr. Rasky described as too Goyish!!

At first glance, the comment seems innocent enough. But let's take a closer look.

Supposing the Toronto Star published an article describing the Bathurst-Finch district as a very interesting section of Toronto except for the fact that it's too Jewish. If this were to happen, the Jewish Congress, the Jewish Defence League, Paul Godfrey and Roy McMurtry would all cry foul.

The Star would be admonished, branded anti-semitic, and rightly so.

I think that somewhere along the line we have lost our sense of good taste and fair play. Mr. Rasky's narrow-minded remark should never have appeared on the pages of The Canadian Jewish News.

I was born in Hungary in the late 40s, albeit after the Holocaust, but I was nevertheless subjected to anti-Jewish slurs in my childhood. My 9-year-old daughter, whose mother is a wonderful Gentile girl from Nova Scotia, was raised to be tolerant, open-minded, and aware of the Jewish heritage on her father's side.

She had never heard the term "Goyish" until she saw the Kinder Kids in your paper.

I really believe that you owe my daughter an apology, as you owe an apology to all readers of good conscience.

Gabriel Egri
Toronto

Editor's note: Frank Rasky replies: "Shucks, Mr. Egri. The remark was meant to be humorous, poking fun at extremists who are overly parochial and can even detect racism in a pair of dolls as charming as the Cabbage Patch Kids. I'm sorry if your daughter has been upset by this.

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LAUDS MASTER TAILOR ARTICLE

Re your Nov. 8 Business Outlook article headed, "Schnider celebrates 30th anniversary — Flair for fine tailoring pays off for Harry Rosen":

As Harry Rosen's sales promotion coordinator, I would like to express our thanks and tell you how widely-read your newspaper is across Canada.

Both Harry and myself are pleased with the article, and we enjoyed reading it.

Mary Pompili
Toronto

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THANKS FROM FISHERVILLE

Re your Nov. 8 article headed "Building plans opposed":

The Canadian Jewish News is to be commended for its concern regarding the detrimental effect that building a 17-storey highrise on the Eitz Chaim schoolyard at Bathurst and Patricia would have on the school itself as well as on the neighborhood.

The Eitz Chaim School is an important part of our community. The safety and welfare of its students and of the children of the neighborhood must be protected.

Esther Barth
President
Fisherville Ratepayers Association
Toronto

World-National

Israel attacked at last meeting

Jewish women urged to attend UN conference

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Leila Siegel, of Geneva, president of the International Council of Jewish Women; McGill University law professor and human rights activist Irwin Cotler; Annette Dulzin, wife of Jewish Agency chairman Leon Dulzin; Dorothy Reitman of Montreal, chairman of the executive of Canadian Jewish Congress and women's rights advocate; Betty Lieberman, of the Council of Jewish Federations board; and Shirley Joseph, chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

Siegel urged that as many Jewish women as possible attend the forum, open to representatives of non-governmental organizations(NGOs), and observers — which means just about anyone — that opens before the conference itself.

The official conference, open daily to representatives of UN member states, UN agencies and certain political organizations such as the PLO, will run from July 15-26. The forum, from July 8-17, has no official input into the conference, but it can set the tone for the proceedings and NGOs serve a consulting role. At Copenhagen, 8,000 persons attended the forum.

There are 10 Jewish NGOs, including the International Council of Jewish Women, among the several hundred NGOs accredited for the conference.

Siegel, who has been involved with the preparatory meetings for the conference, said both the UN and Kenyan organizers have indicated they do not want a repeat of what happened at Copenhagen. With the setting in Africa, Siegel believes the plight of rural African women may dominate the conference rather than the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The third and last preparatory meeting before the conference will be held in March in Vienna. Decisions will be made there on conference procedure rules that will have a bearing on whether or not any group can impose its political views unchecked.

Siegel said the Jewish communities can help by pressing their governments to see that these rules are adopted at the preparatory meeting. Financial support is also needed to sponsor a delegation of "young, attractive, articulate and assertive, but not aggressive, Israeli women who are committed to the themes of the conference."

The stated themes of the conference are "equality, development and peace" and the sub-themes are "health, education and employment."

U.S. President Ronald Reagan has promised to withdraw his country's delegation from the conference if a vote is taken on the Zionism is racism resolution, she said.

Jewish women planning to go to the conference should become fully aware of the facts on Israel's treatment of its Arab population, including the improvement in the quality of their lives in areas like health and education and giving Arab women the vote for the first time, Dulzin said.

They should also have expertise on a record of action on the many general women's rights issues if they are to have credibility, Reitman noted.

Both Siegel and Dulzin felt Israel's work in African countries and other parts of the Third World in development has created a lot of goodwill on the person-to-person level and can be used to enhance Israel's image at the conference.

"Jewish women have to become involved in the North-South issue. We must break through the slogans and cultural gap and reach out to the women of the Third World," said Siegel.

Friedan, author of The Feminine Mystique, was among the movers behind getting women's rights on the agenda of the UN and having the first conference in 1975. She expressed her shock at how the central issue of feminism has taken a back seat at the first two conferences.

She said Jewish women's goal should not be to prevent expression by the Palestinian women or politicization of the Nairobi conference, but to make sure it always relates directly to women's rights and does not prevent the overall goal of "networking" between women.

Friedan said she hopes what will come out of this final conference is the setting up of a "world machinery for the safeguarding of women's rights and a collective statement on peace."

Cotler said the African location of the conference may provoke accusations of similarities between South Africa's apartheid policies and Israel's alleged racism.

Heritage series to be edited, Eban says

NEW YORK (JTA) — Former Israeli foreign minister Abba Eban has revealed that the Public Broadcasting System television series, Heritage: Civilization and the Jews, will be edited for viewing in Australia, Germany, Israel and United Kingdom to meet criticism from Orthodox groups.

The series now being shown in the United States on PBS stations was criticized for portraying Judiasm as an evolving faith incorporating myth and legend.

Speaking to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Eban, who was the consultant and narrator for the series, asserted the series was "deeply reverent" toward Jewish tradition. But he conceded that "a little solicitude" for Orthodox Jewish views would have mitigated the controversy and the "changing a few hundred words" could have prevented it entirely.

Eban, who is now chairman of the Knesset committee on security and foreign affairs, acknowledged with thanks the remarks of Kenneth Bialkin, chairman of the Presidents Conference, who in introducing him had called the TV series "a remarkable breakthrough in its apppeal to mass opinion in the United States." Other members also praised the 9-hour program.

Eban said he "certainly intended nothing but an expession of respect for the Jewish heritage." He said the Jewish people were portrayed "in a generous and Zionist spirit" and that Judaism was conveyed "in the conventional view of Jewish historians — including my teacher Yeheziel Kaufmann — and not the Orthodox approach."

He added:

"In any interpretation of Jewish history there is no possibility of unanimity. One should look to the spirit and intention and total effect of the work in question. I believe Heritage: Civilization and the Jews has contributed to enhancing and expanding the resonance of our voice as a people.

"It is profoundly respectful, and I believe it will succeed in achieving its purpose: to teach millions of people about Judaism and the Jewish contribution to civilization, and to do so in an atmosphere of reverence and honor for the subject matter."

Eban added: "The Torah has nothing to fear from scrutiny. If an idea is true and lofty, how it emerges doesn't matter."

Hiring quotas

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all kinds," the brief stated.

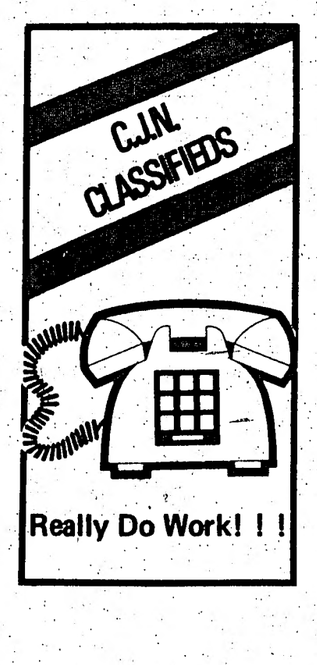
"The Canadian Jewish Congress does not believe that the 'short circuit' of affirmative action is the most effective manner of dealing with this problem."

CJC officials responded favorably to the thrust of the Commission report.

"I think Abella is absolutely correct in her concern that quotas can end up being a ceiling rather than a floor," said CJC President Milton Harris.

David Satok, national chairman of the Joint Community Relations Council of Congress pointed out that "quotas can backfire."

Added Harris: "As an executive of a major corporation (he is president of Harris Steel Group), I personally think that the Commission has taken the right approach to the private sector with the idea of contractual compliance. I believe that the majority of the Jewish community would agree."



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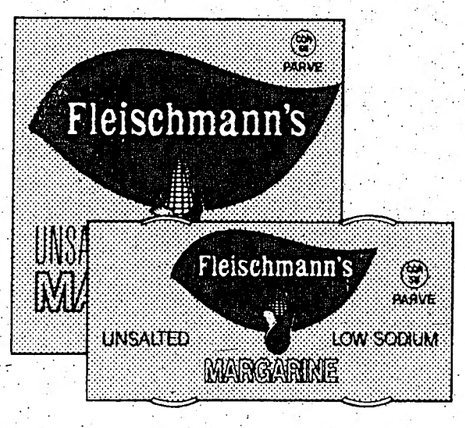

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Organizations and People

What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

N.Y. CHANUKAH FESTIVAL

The mayor and members of council for the city of North York invite you to attend a pre-Chanukah celebration on Monday, Dec. 3, 7.30 p.m., at North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St.

The festival is coordinated by the North East branch of the Jewish Community Centre, and participants are from the JCC as well as various parochial schools.

BOOK REVIEW

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood is sponsoring a book review on Thursday, Dec. 6, 7.30 p.m., when **Peter Marinelli,** English professor at York University will discuss **Lillian Hellman's** play, Watch on the Rhine. Cost for Sisterhood members is $3, non members, $4. Light refreshments will be served.

NCJW ELANA BRANCH

The next meeting of the National Council of Jewish Women's new Elana branch [age 45 plus], takes place Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m., in Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

Police constables **Mark Mendelson** and **Doug Bowerman**, will speak about the formation of the ethnic unit, plus the ethnic composition of Metro Police.

Elana is eager to welcome new members. Call **Ruth,** at 781-7877, or **Donia,** at 922-7650.

CANTORS IN CONCERT

Some of the world's greatest performers of Jewish music will take part in the Toronto Council of Hazzanim's Cantors in Concert, Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. in Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

The concert is presented in association with the Reena Foundation.

Featured with synagogue choirs will be **Cantors Paul Kowarsky, David Bagley, Severin Weingort, Efraim Sapir, Benjamin Maissner, Hesh Mayersdorf, Louis Danto, A. Eliezer Kirshblum and Thomas Schwartz.** Accompanist is **Cantor Daniel Gildar** of Philadelphia.

General admission is $9. Tickets are available from Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 781-3511, or from any of the participating cantors. Seating is limited.

Funds are for the Toronto Cantorial Trust Fund and the Reena Foundation.

NEW THORNHILL BB CHAPTER

A new Thornhill chapter of B'nai B'rith Women has been formed! Prospective members are welcome. Come out and meet with your friends and neighbors.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6. For further details call **Penny Krowitz** at 630-9313 [days].

MIKVAH OPEN HOUSE

Come and explore the mitzvah of family purity at an Open House for the new mikvah, in the Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill, from 1 - 3.30 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 12.

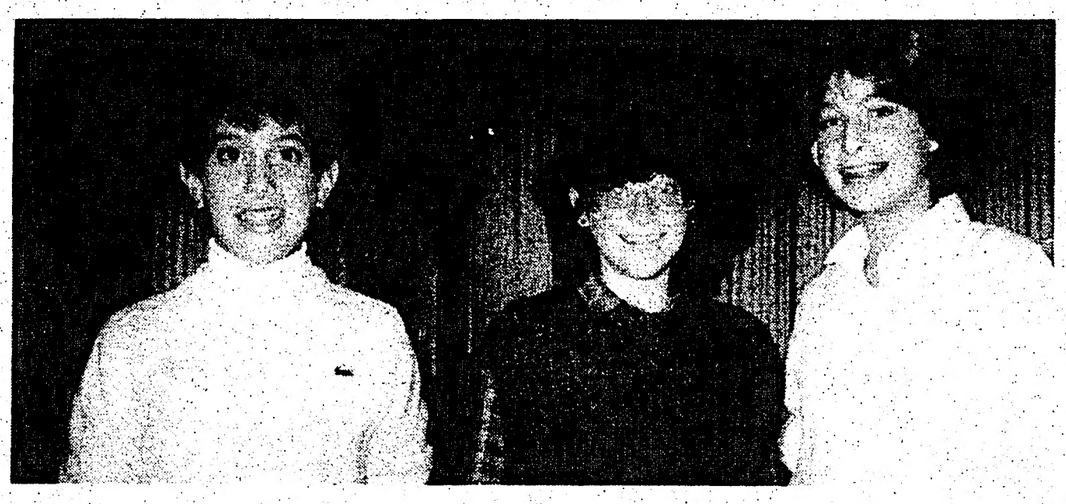
OHR SOMAYACH JEP

Ohr Somayach Jewish Education Program's [JEP] next Thursday evening seminar, scheduled for Dec. 6, 8 - 10 o'clock, at Beth Jacob High School, 410 Lawrence Ave. W., will consider the question, Israel and the Nations - Chosen for What? Why do Jews call themselves The Chosen People? How and for what were we chosen? This delicate issue will be looked at from a historical and philosophical perspective.

VOLUNTEER FOR CRISIS LINES

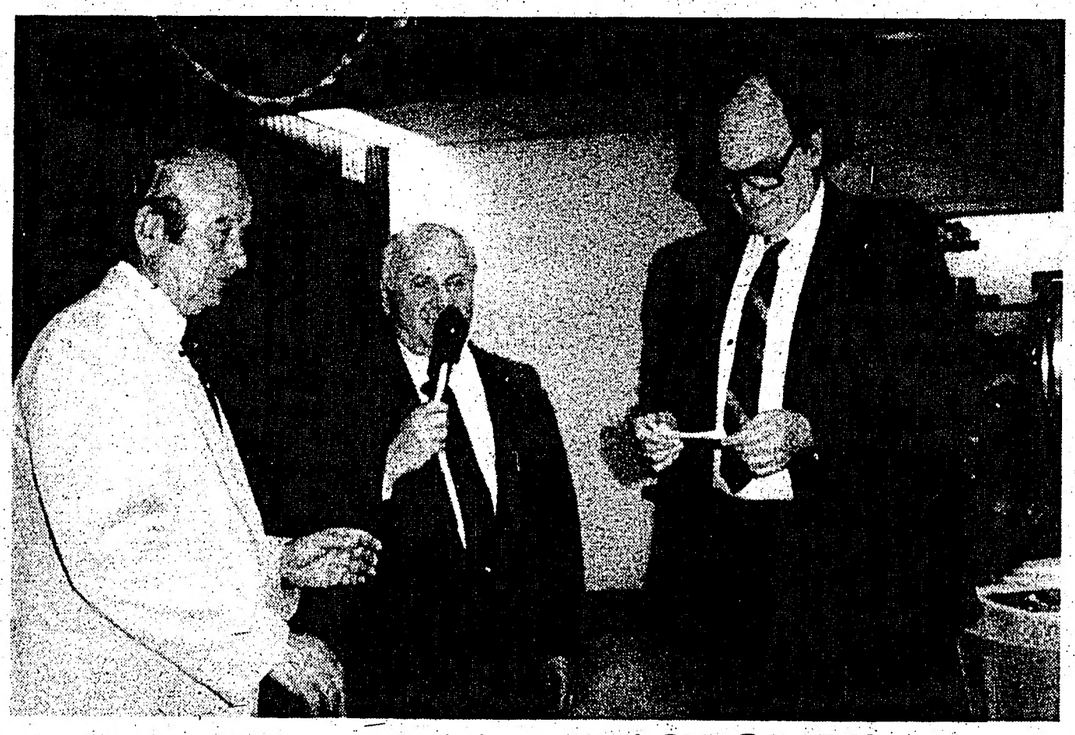
Volunteers are needed. Train to be a volunteer for Tel-Aide, the Jewish Distress and Crisis lines. Courses are being arranged to assist you in becoming a sensitive listener. Volunteer time slots may be days, evenings or weekends.

To apply, please call 635-5600, or write to 4600 Bathurst St., suite 345 [attention **Joel Verbin],** Willowdale, Ont., M2R 3V2. Request a volunteer application. You will be scheduled for an interview shortly.



HAMILTON WINNERS

Three prize winners in the recent creative contest sponsored by the education and culture committee, CJC Ontario Region, were from Hamilton. Noa Schwartz, right, Hamilton Hebrew Academy, won first prize; Julie Fajertag, centre, also of the Academy, won third prize; and Mark Freedman, Beth Jacob Synagogue school, fourth prize. Not shown is second prize winner David Lander of Ottawa. Prizes were awarded at the recent Regional Conference on Jewish Education held at Adas Israel Synagogue in Hamilton. [Moura Wolpert photo]



FUNDS FOR TEL HASHOMER

David Singer, with microphone, president of the Galicianer Association of Toronto, presents a cheque for $5,000 to Gideon Saguy, consul general of Israel in Toronto, for the Chaim Sheba Medical Centre of Tel Hashomer Hospital in Israel. At left is Emil Kohl.

AT SHAAREI TEFILLAH

Shaarei Tefillah Brotherhood is sponsoring a breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 2. Services are at 8.30 a.m., breakfast at 9. Guest speaker will be **Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman** known in Israel as the Disco Rabbi.

The lecture for Dec. 4 in Shaarei Tefillah's Adult Education series has been cancelled, and the next talk, to be given by the congregation's rabbi, **Moshe Stern,** is set for Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. He will ask the question, Can Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Unite? What Price Unity?

TRIVIA NIGHT

National Council of Jewish Women-Council 64, is arranging a Trivia Night on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 8.30 p.m., in Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. There will be food, fun and prizes. Test your skill.

Admission is $7.50 per person, and all proceeds will go to support NCJW's projects in the community. For tickets, call 222-7711.

APAI TO MEET

APAI, the Association of Parents with Children in Israel, is planning a meeting at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Sunday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m. There will be a choral concert by the Nashira Group, and **Aharon Korzen,** shaliach aliya for Eastern Canada, will examine New Regulations and Inflation Controls in Israel: How do they affect our children?

THEATRE NIGHT

Shaareh Haim Congregation of Richmond Hill is holding a Theatre Night at the Curtain Club on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m., when **Norman Robbins'** A Tomb with a View, will be presented. Refreshments follow.

Tickets, at $9 per person, are available from **Pat Pollock,** 884-5174, or **Helen Smolkin,** 884-7891.

SHE'ARIM AUCTION

The Parents' Association of She'arim, a school for children with learning difficulties, is planning an auction to raise funds for the school, on Sunday, Dec. 2, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Preview is at 6.30 p.m., and the auction starts at 7.30. All new merchandise, including appliances, furniture, jewelry, gift certificates, toys and much more will be offered. Admission is $3.

HEBREW GLEE CLUB

Toronto Jewish Congress is sponsoring a moadon zemer [glee club] for Hebrew speaking members of the community, to begin on Monday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. in Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

The group will be led by **Dr. Gideon Koren,** who is on assignment from Israel to a Canadian hospital, and has conducted similar groups in Israel. Sessions will be held the first Monday night in each month, and the beginning session will be in preparation for Chanukah.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m., at the Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., for a tour of the Jewish Life Cycle exhibition with **Dr. Fred Weinberg.**

Here is a unique opportunity to discuss the **Roth** collection and guild members' creations with a renowned collector of Judaica.

JEWISH READINGS

In celebration of Jewish Book Month, the Jewish Book Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, will present a night of Jewish readings to commemorate the 125th anniversary of **Sholem Aleichem's** birthday, Sunday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m., in Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St.

Aaron Finer, Nathan Garnick and **Rabbi Irwin Witty** will present readings from Sholem Aleichem in Yiddish, English and Hebrew. Translations will be provided for the English and Hebrew.

Meyer Feldman is the coordinator. Everyone is welcome.

MUSICAL PLAY

National Council of Jewish Women presents Raggedy Ann and Andy in, A Friend is a Friend, a musical play for all ages, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, 3 p.m., at Garnet Williams Community Centre, 501 Clarke Ave., Thornhill. Tickets are $3. Call 881-7673.

EMOTIONAL HEALTH LECTURE

How is your family's emotional health?

Dr. Edwin H. Friedman, rabbi and family therapist, will discuss the family emotional process at major events: birth, death, marriage, divorce and bar/bat mitzvah. His talk, Rites of Passage, will be given at Holy Blossom Temple, Monday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m.. There is no charge.

WIDOWERS PROGRAM

The next gathering for the Self-Help Widowers' program, for men over 55 years of age, widowed less than two years, is on Thursday, Nov.29, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m., in the library of the Wagman Centre. Coordinator is **Gordon Zaretsky.** Call 789-5131, ext.410.

FINANCE FOR WOMEN

The second in a 4-week series on Finance for Women, under the auspices of Adath Israel Sisterhood, commences Thursday, Nov. 29, at 8.15 p.m., when lawyer **Evelyn Schusheim** will explain Estate Planning.

To reserve or inquire further, call **Jenny Appleby,** 633-6520, **Diane Glazer,** 633-5032, **Bess Starr,** 488-1792 or **Cheryl Sonenberg,** 731-3227.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St., will hold the first of its Children's Concert series in the synagogue, Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2.30 p.m. It will feature Kim Kowarsky of Toronto and **Bryna Bruder** of Montreal. Children 3 years and up, are welcome for an afternoon of music.

Tickets are $2 for children, and $3 for adults, available in advance at Beth Tzedec, or at the door. For group and party reservations, call **Barbara Kelman,** at 781-3511.

WHY ISRAEL THIS SUMMER?

The Israel Youth Program Centre presents an Open House for parents of teenagers 15 and older on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m., at the Centre, 1000 Finch Ave. W., suite 117.

Information on summer youth trips to Israel will be available, and **Tammy,** director of the Centre, will be available to discuss details and individual concerns. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Tammy, 665-7733.

YIDDISH LECTURE SERIES

As part of the Jewish Culture and Lecture series to be delivered in Yiddish, **Albert Levovitz** will speak on The Phases of Jewish Immigration to Canada, at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer, Monday, Dec. 3, between 2.30 and 3.30 p.m., rooms A and B.

USY

USYers [United Synagogue Youth], gathered for a Toronto wide dance at Adath Israel Synagogue, on Saturday, Nov. 10. More than 250 attended, the largest turnout to such an event in years.

The weekend was also highlighted by a Shabbaton at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, where USYers hosted an out-of-town group.

USY, an organization of youth groups affiliated with Conservative synagogues in Canada and the U.S., has chapter, regional and international programs and activities. If you would like to become involved and are between 13 and 18, call **Mark Freedman,** 789-0579.

SALE CANCELLED

The Men's Service Group of Baycrest Centre has cancelled its Chanukah/Christmas sale which was to take place on Dec. 14.

LEAH POSLUNS PRESENTATION

Raisins and Almonds, the story of a young Jewish girl growing up on the prairies during the Depression, by Canadian writer **Fredelle Bruser Maynard,**, a play with music, adapted from the original novel, will be presented at the Leah Posluns Theatre, Nov. 29 to Dec. 22. Box office number is 630-6752.

WOMEN'S STORIES

On Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m., the Holy Blossom Feminist Chavura is sponsoring an evening with professional storyteller **Helen Porter,** whose theme will be Our Mothers: Stories of Strength. Those attending will be reacquainted with the tales of our grandmothers and great grandmothers. All grandmothers, mothers, daughters, aunts and nieces in the Jewish community are invited.

This event takes place at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Admission is $2 at the door.

PARENTS OF TEENAGERS

A symposium for the parents of teenagers is being held Wednesday, Nov. 28, 8 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith Centre, 15 Hove St. Sponsored by BBYO, it will focus on Today's Teens - The Uncommitted Generation.

Keynote speaker will be **Dr. Leo David,** associate professor of Sociology at York University. Small discussion groups will consider the pressures of school, pros and cons of holding part time jobs, and teaching teens the dangers of drinking and driving. To inquire further, phone BBYO at 635-9411.

CHINESE AUCTION

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am invites you to a Chinese Auction - a timed auction - on Saturday, Dec. 1, 8 p.m., at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Prizes will be auctioned against the clock with auctioneer **John Gilbert,** of CKO 99.1 FM.

There will be refreshments, door prizes and a cash bar. Admission is $5 per person. For tickets and information, call **Rose Haspel,** 633-0526.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

Toronto Jewish Congress sponsors a T'nach

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study group under the chairmanship of **Dr. Isadore Cass,** which meets on alternate Tuesdays, 8 p.m., at Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St.

The group is currently completing the Book of Ezekiel, studied in English, and taught by various biblical scholars.

The next lecture, on Tuesday, Dec. 4, will be given by **Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg,** director of Chaplaincy Services, TJC.

BETH TZEDEC YOUTH

Beth Tzedec Youth offers athletic programs for young people of all ages with activities ranging from floor hockey and basketball through ice hockey and baseball. There will also be regular Sunday morning services and breakfasts with Jewish people involved in the athletic world.

Every Sunday from 12 to 1 p.m., children between the ages of 7 and 10 years are invited to participate in pre-Kadima activities - arts and crafts, games, music, dance, special outings and much more.

Each Shabbat and holiday morning Beth Tzedec has Junior Congregation and Youth Services. The Junior Congregation is a service for children ages 8 - 12 years. Before the service there is a Torah reading club at 10 a.m., and the service begins at 10.45.

For additional information about any of these programs, call **Jonathan Shiff** at 787-0381.

PWN WILLOWBROOK AREA

The second meeting of a new Pioneer Women Na'amat group in the Willowbrook area of Thornhill, takes place on Monday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m., at 35 Charnwood Pl.

Award winning fashion designer, **Adele Wechsler,** of South Africa, will present a program demonstrating How to Select a Timeless, Versatile, Coordinated Wardrobe.

New members are welcome. To inquire, call 636-5425, or 633-6983.

GOOD TABLE COOKBOOK

In their efforts to collect much needed medical research funds, **Mrs. George Cohon,** chairman, **Mrs. Martin Goldfarb,** vice-chairman, and the Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary special projects team, have put together a new cookbook called The Good Table - an eclectic gathering of recipes from people who cook for a living and for fun. Super gourmet recipes from Toronto's leading caterers as well as valuable calorie and nutrient content information are included.

The Good Table, which costs $15.95, can be purchased at Books for Cooks, Hazelton Lanes, Nortown Foods, Dinah's Cupboard, Irwin Hardware, Mount Sinai Hospital Gift Shop, Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary office, The Village Library and many other specialty shops.

BETH SHOLOM BREAKFAST CLUB

On Sunday, Dec. 2, Beth Sholom Brotherhood Breakfast Club will hear **Ben Nobleman** express his view on Why Capital Punishment Should Be Reinstated. Services are at 9.30 a.m., breakfast at 10. The public is invited.

AMAL

Shalom chapter of AMAL has scheduled its second general meeting on Thursday, Nov.29 at 8 p.m. New members are welcome. For more details call **Susan Feld,** 223-2660.

BOOK CLUB

The Jewish Union Book Club meets at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., Sunday, Dec. 9, at 1.30 p.m., to discuss and review **D.H. Lawrence's** novelette, The Virgin and the Gypsy [1979 paperback].

Refreshments will be served. To inquire further, call **Jerry,** 787-4352, or **Mark,** 783-0831, after 6 p.m.

FIVE POTTERS

Annual Open House exhibiting the work of the Five Potters, **Bailey Leslie, Marion Lewis, Mayta Markson, Dorothy Midanik and Annette Zakuta,** is on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at their studio, 131A Pears Ave.

The public is welcome to visit the studio, by appointment: phone 924-6992.

HERITAGE PLAYERS

The Heritage Players of the Wagman Centre will perform, Our Stars on Broadway, for the Hebrew Club of the Blind, at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., on Monday, Dec. 3, 9 p.m. Director of the Heritage Players is **Nathan Garnick,** and accompanist is **Nathan Rosen.**

This is a New Horizons program under Health and Welfare, Canada.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE ...

. . . to join Jordana chapter of Hadassah Wizo. Are you between 27 and 39? Would you like to meet new people, hear interesting speakers and help raise money for Israel? Then, call **Sharon,** 783-2544, for details.

JEWISH STUDENT FEDERATION

Almost Free Jewish University courses, sponsored by the Jewish Student Federation, are held at York University. They include, a Hebrew language class, Wednesdays, 4 - 5 p.m; a weekly Talmud class in room 135, Winters College, Wednesdays, 4 - 5 p.m; Israeli Folk Dancing, Thursdays, 4 - 5 p.m., room 202, Vanier College and Basic Judaism, Tuesdays, 4 -5 p.m., in the JSF office, portable 1.

JSF invites you to a Coffee House on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. in Marky's Restaurant, Winters Residence. **Mendelson Joe** will perform. Admission is $3 per person.

On Monday, Dec. 3, at 12.30 p.m., **Simcha Paull** will lead a discussion on Exploring the World of Jewish Mysticism.

For additional details on any of the above, call 667-3647.

HEALTH FAIR

Thornhill Square Health Fair, under the auspices of the International Health Information Service, (president, **Sonnee Cohen)** is set for Dec. 5 through 9, at the Thornhill Square Shopping Centre, 300 John St.

Bring along a shopping bag to collect health literature, balloons, stickers and posters. There will be special gifts for diabetics who show their diabetes ID cards or medic alert identification. Check with Sonnee Cohen for your gift.

The Fair is open during regular shopping hours and on Sunday.

AT SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

The Entertainment Connection of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation presents **Batya Eisen** [assisted by **Dr. Isadore Eisen]** speaking on, How To Bring Up A Husband Jewishly on Two Continents . . . Sunday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m. in the Sisterhood Hall.

Dr. and Mrs. Eisen were in Israel with their family on two occasions, in 1981 for six months, and in 1983-84, when he worked,and taught modern professional methods.

A Questing Singles table has been reserved for singles, 23 - 35, to provide an opportunity to meet.

All ages, married and singles, are invited to this gathering. Enjoy coffee,cake and conversation. Admission is $2 guests, members free.

Coordinator is **Jerry Genesove.**

singles

Join Club Kinneret 10 pin bowling and social group, two divisions, [ages 20 - 29, and 30 - 40] for its forthcoming series. An average of 40 singles turned out every Sunday during the first series. Come out to the next bowling get-together on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3.45 p.m., Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd. [two blocks north of Lawrence, west off Dufferin]. To inquire further call **Stan Glass,** 638-0747.

Jewish Community Singles, 40 plus, will continue its Monday evening Coffee House on Dec.3 at the northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St., with the program, Where Are We Going? Is This All There Is? For more details contact the JCC, 636-1880, or **Doris,** 636-1687.

Pioneer Women Na'amat's newest singles group [career women ages 30-40], meets next on Thurs., Nov. 29, 8 p.m., at 111 Ridelle Ave., apt. 901 [north of Eglinton, east of Marlee]. **Mitchell Levine,** an authority on human resources, will discuss Self-Presentation for the Professional Woman. For information call 636-5425, days, or 633-6983, evenings and weekends.

North-East Jewish Single Parents are holding a series of workshops for the newly separated. On Dec. 4, The Separation Agreement and the Divorce Act will be considered, and on Dec. 11, the topic will be Support and Property Division and Custody Issues. Dec. 18, the Emotional Ups and Downs of Separation and Divorce will be investigated.

All sessions begin at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Fee is $2. For more information call **Fran Chodak,** 889-0813.

Jewish Singles Project Connect offers a master calendar, and encourages all Jewish singles groups to book confirmed functions, and to clear important dates and programs prior to confirmation. Phone 731-4600 mornings. This information is available to the community via the singles events tape operating after 4 p.m. weekdays, and all weekend. Call 731-4601

Orah chapter of B'nai B'rith Women is planning a terrific Chanukah Party on Dec. 18. Watch this column for more details. The chapter welcomes new members. To inquire, call **Penny Krowitz,** 630-9313, days.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, **Dan Heap,** MP for Spadina, will speak on Third World Peace and Disarmament, at 12.30 in the Bloor JCC main lounge, 750 Spadina Ave. Admission is $3, JCC members, $4, non-members. Tickets are available at the front office.

Beth Sholom Singles meet on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. to hear **Anne Rotenberg** and **Julie Epstein** speak on Fitness - A Safe Approach. Everyone is welcome.

Holy Blossom Temple Single/Single Parents Group meets next on Wednesday, Dec. 5, when **Esther Marks** will show slides on Tanzania. Admission is $2, members, $3, non-members. This is a Discussion and Mingle night.

Sally Kerbel's Mix 'n' Mingle , presents a What Do You Say After You Say Hello gathering to explore fun ways of getting to meet new people , on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. Cost of $10 includes refreshments. For more information call 223-6028 or 635-1157.

JCC Singles 20 -35 years, invite you to their first No Frills Dance, Saturday, Dec. 1, 8 p.m., at the JCC Valley, North-East branch, 7015 Leslie St [north of Steeles]. Admission is $1.99 for JCC members, [with cards] and $2.99, non-members. For more information call **Ruth Goodman,** 636-1880, ext. 221 any Wednesday.

The Floating Singles Congregation is open to all single Jews, 25 - 40, regardless of affiliation. Celebrate Shabbat in a warm, informal atmosphere. On Friday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. in Holy Blossom Temple, enjoy Shabbat songs and readings, followed by **Allan Gould** , noted humorist, speaking on Writing Jewish Humor Without Hurting Mother [too much]!

at the jcc

Applications are now being accepted for a part time Early Childhood Education teacher, hours 9 - 11.30 a.m., at the Jewish Community Centre. The position starts in January, 1985. For an interview call **Rona Kaushanky,** director, at 636-1880, ext. 229.

Look for **JCC Winter** programs and new course listings in the premiere issue of CENTREFOCUS, a members newsletter, which will be available Dec. 1, at all branches.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be a Gift Sale at the JCC north, sponsored by the Early Childhood Education committee in order to raise money for that department. To inquire further contact **Rona Kaushansky,** 636-1880, ext. 229.

With Chanukah and gift giving season just around the corner, stop by and browse through the showcases at the Koffler Gallery. Unique handcrafted gifts are available. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, 9 to noon and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is at the north branch of the JCC.

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SILVER ANNIVERSARY TREE

Baycrest Day Care Service, one of the five facilities of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, celebrated its 25th anniversary last month with three days of festivities. Part of the celebrations included the presentation of a commemorative plaque and tree to the Centre's Women's Auxiliary, which helped found Day Care in 1959. Pictured from left are: Abe Posluns, Cynthia Gasner, Helen Sniderman, Dora Till and Lillian Soles. [Baycrest Centre photo]

PIONEER WOMEN LECTURE

Professor of Jewish Studies, Dr. Kitty Cohen, seated, an author and lecturer, discussed the significant contributions women have made to Jewish and world history at a State of Israel Bonds and Pioneer Women reception. From left are Elaine Sugar, Pioneer Women Israel Bonds chairman; Sheila Rothman, Israel Bonds Women's Division chairman; Louise Cornblum, hostess of the event and Marilyn Meyers, Pioneer Women president.

Organizations and People

What's New

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Dan Heap, MP for Spadina, will speak on Third World Peace and Disarmament, Sunday, Dec. 2, 12.30 p.m. at the Bloor branch, 750 Spadina Ave. Admission is $3 for JCC members, $4, non-members. Advance tickets may be obtained at the Bloor branch.

On Wednesdays, from 11.30 to 1.30 p.m., the Bloor JCC Stroke Management Group meets in the main lounge for physical and social activities. New members are always welcome. Contact **Mark Egan** at 924-6211 for more information.

North-East branch Duplicate Bridge group meets on Mondays from 8 - 10.30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1 - 3.30 p.m. Fee is $2 for members, $3.50, non-members.

The North-East Young Couples Club is back in action and gearing up for a host of get-togethers beginning in January. Don't miss out on a great opportunity to meet new friends. Put yourself on the mailing list by calling **Fran Chodak** at 889-0813, or **Marlyne Abramson** at 223-7458.

The North-East branch Second Time Around Club is a group of remarried couples who are getting together once a month for educational and social programs. To find out more, call **Fran Chodak.**

for seniors

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club is planning a luncheon and classical cabaret with pianist **Ruth Morawetz** and vocalist **Ross Thompson,** on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 12.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, but reservations are a must. Cost is $5 per person. Phone 781-3511.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. for lunch at 12 noon, and entertainment by vocalist **Fern Dworkin** with **Paul Matthews** at the piano .Come and enjoy. For more information call **Shirley Grotell,** 222-7727.

The line and ballroom dancing at **Earl Bales Seniors Place** is now in full swing. Come out on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 and have a pleasant evening with **Ada Goldblatt.** There is no charge. Earl Bales Seniors Place is in the park at Bathurst St. and Sheppard Ave.

Snow Rebate -The City of North York will reimburse eligible residents up to $7 each time they must hire someone to clear away the windrow [row of snow] left at the end of the driveway by city plows. Registered residents simply complete an official receipt form each time someone shovels the windrow. Claims must be returned by April 2, 1985 to the senior centre where registration occurred. It will be forwarded to North York Treasury Department for payment by check. Any resident over 60 who is unable to clear the windrow, as well as any physically disabled person, is eligible for this return. Proof of age is required for the over-60, and a doctor's certificate for the disabled. There must not be an able-bodied person living in the home who is able to shovel the windrow.

Beth Emeth Friendship Club is holding a general meeting on Sunday, Dec. 2 at the shul, 100 Elder St., 1.30 p.m. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided....Come join the Chanukah Party on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 6.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Reservations are a must. Phone **Carl Pasternak** at 633-2997, or the program office, 636-4426....The club's Drop-In at the Wilmington Community Centre, 205 Wilmington Ave., is 1 - 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and everyone is welcome.

A recreational evening program for **Wagman Centre** members and guests offers intermediate level bridge instruction with **Barbara Seagram,** Thursday evenings, 7 - 10. Cost to members is $30 for 10 weeks, non-members, $40 for 10 weeks....The newly formed **Israeli Club** for Israelis 55 years and over, who are looking for companionship and good Hebrew conversation meets at the Wagman Centre on Tuesdays, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. Call **Tanya Kuchinsky** for information on these two items....And, at the Wagman Centre, the Jewish culture and lecture series [in Yiddish] offers The Phases of Jewish Immigration to Canada, with **Albert Levovitz,** on Monday, Dec. 3, 2.30 - 3.30 p.m., in rooms A&B.

Everyone is welcome to join members of the **Jubilee Club of Adath Sholom Synagogue,** 864 Sheppard Ave. W., on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 7.30 p.m. for an early Chanukah meeting plus an evening of dancing, and singing by the **Ackerman Family.** Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded. Cost is, members, $2, guests, $3. To inquire further, phone 741-4462.

On Wednesdays from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. the **Stroke Management Group** meets in the Bloor JCC main lounge, for physical and social activities. New members are always welcome. Contact **Mark Egan,** 924-6211, for particulars.

The Senior Citizens Club of the **Labor Zionist Alliance** is calling all those who registered for the Miami trip to come to an important meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 1 to 3.30 p.m. at 272 Codsell Ave., to make final trip arrangements....On Wednesday, Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon, the final meeting for those going on the trip, will be held, to distribute tickets and kits. Refreshments will be served at both meetings....LZA Senior Citizens will have a Chanukah party at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell, with dancing to the music of **Morris Turk's** orchestra, on Saturday, Dec. 22. Doors open at 6.30 p.m., program starts at 7, and dancing is from 8 - 11 p.m....The Cultural Circle of the LZA Senior Citizens Club meets every Tuesday morning, 10 to 12. At the Nov. 20 meeting, **Harry Weinstock,** recently returned from Israel, spoke on the current polical situation there. At the Nov. 27 meeting, **Sam Kemfer** spoke about Judaism Today.

On Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 1.30 p.m., **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** are invited to a talk and slide presentation on home safety by **Mr. Hill** of the Metropolitan Safety Council.

Here are the **Shalom Village** programs for Hamilton during the first week in December: Dec. 1, 2.30 p.m., **Dr. Cooper, McMaster University Religious Studies, will give a talk; Tuesday, Dec. 4, 7.30 p.m., there will be another evening of multiculturalism with the Laotians; Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1.30 p.m., Arts and Crafts, Afternoon Tea and Bake Sale, and on Thursday, Dec. 6, Learning to Cope, with Lester Krames.**

Cranbrooke Friendship Club , 585 Cranbrooke Ave., is serving lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. **Dr. Wolf Grobin,** research fellow, and consultant in diabetes, at Baycrest Centre, is the guest speaker. Cost is $1.25 members, $1.75, non-members. Everyone is welcome. To inquire further, phone **Eva Brownstein,** 787-3606.

The **Senior Citizens Group of B'nai B'rith Upper Canada Lodge Building,** 4266 Bathurst St. is looking for a Bal Tefillah and would like people to join them in prayer at services every evening at 5 and Saturday mornings at 9 when they have a chazzan and make kiddush. Phone **B. Iscovitch,** 636-4245, regarding the Bal Tefillah.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., will hold a Rummage Sale on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., including used clothing, books, records, kitchen articles, etc.

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a Clean Sweep Inventory Clearance -make an offer - in the Creative gift shop.

A Public Affairs Forum, Yiddish as a Language - Will it Survive? is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 1.30 p.m. Guest panelists include **Dr. Leo Davids, Gerry Kane, Leo Robin** and **Rabbi M. Stern.**

On Monday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. in the Cultural Room, **Kathleen McPherson,** from Nesbitt Thomson Bongard Investments, will give another income planning seminar designed to provide seniors with some of the key points needed for success in today's financial environment, when she explores the subject, Does Your Money Work as Hard as You Do?

On Monday, Dec. 3, 1 p.m., in the synagogue, come and hear **David Freeman,** executive board member of the Jewish Family & Child Service. See a film and learn about the agency.

The Marriage of Art and Religion, will be the topic when **Tami Kleitman,** architect and artist, who creates beautiful ketubot [marriage certificates] explains the symbolism in her work.

On Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m., join **Curley,** who plays the guitar and plays the Golden Oldies.

About People

ROSENSTADT PROFESSOR

Shlomo Yehuda, professor of psychology at Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel, is presently on sabbatical at the faculty of medicine, University of Toronto.

Prof. Yehuda has been named the Rosenstadt Professor in the department of nutritional sciences.

Shlomo Yehuda

He has done extensive research in the area of psychology, pharmacology and in the aging process of the brain. He has been widely published in numerous international medical and scientific journals.

Yehuda studied at Bar-Ilan University as well as Masschusetts Institute ot Technology where he finished a doctorate in the area of psyehology and brain sciences. He is joined in Canada by his wife Nechama and their three children.

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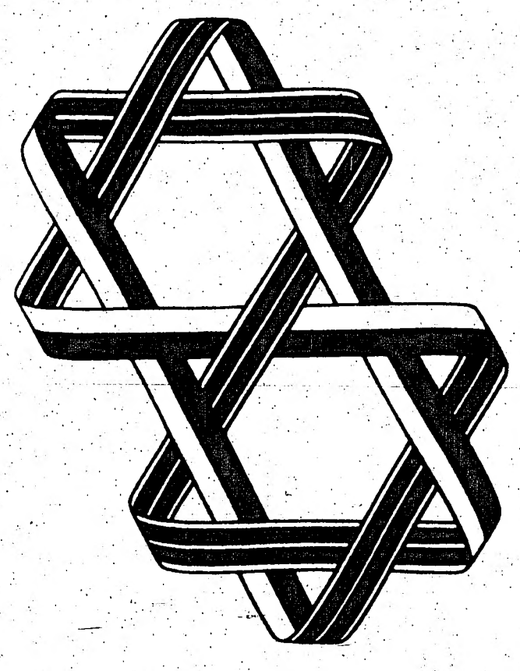

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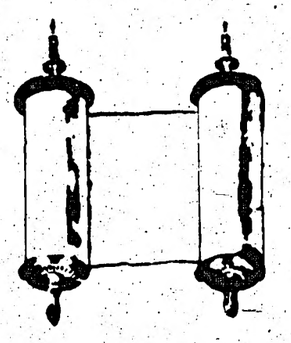

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayeitzei.

A Jew mustn't be shy or afraid. He must roar out his faith, spread it in every direction.

There's no end to how high a Jew can climb.

Reb Yaakov Aryeh of Radziman once visited a city, and thousands of chassidim crowded into his room to greet and hear the words of the tzaddik. One of the visitors squeezed himself forward, finding a place as close as possible to the rebbe.

Rab Yaacov Aryeh looked up at the persistent man and said: "Go in every direction!"

When the chassid heard that he turned pale, thinking that the rebbe was trying to shunt him aside. Reb Yaakov Aryeh saw his dismay and explained: "Why are you upset? Am I not just giving you G-d's blessing to Jacob — 'U'foratzto . . . And you shall spread out to the west and the east and the north and the south!' "

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A Jew musn't be on the defensive. He can't sit over his good deeds, his Torah study, his piety, and protect it like a dwindling, weak fire.

U'foratzto! We must add and add and increase our own kedusha every day . . .

How? With everything, in everything, in every thought and deed.

Jacob fled his brother Esau, and was on his way north. Suddenly the sun set. A mystical happening — the holy Mount Moriah (site of the Temple) danced out to meet him. A vision of a ladder — sulam — that stood on the ground and whose head reached the very heavens.

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Sulam — ladder — in gematria is 136. Mamon — money, gelt — is also 136 in gematria. Money is a ladder reaching up and reaching down. A Jew with extra money can fall to the lowest depths. What sins cannot be bought for money today? What's not on the market? What is forbidden?

With money — a person can destroy his body, his neshama, his children and children's children. Artzah! Stuck in mud!

But "rosho magiah hashomaymah" — with the same money a person can climb the heights of heaven. How many thousands of people languish without support, that money can help. Money buys time — not for the Bahamas but for the Beit Medrash — to be able to sit and study Torah, to revive the neshama. Money? Money can buy the whole of the World to Come!

Sulam, a ladder! Every Jew sits on a ladder. But it's not a standing, frozen ladder. It is an escalator. It moves . . . up, up, up . . . or down, down.

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We can always return. Once on Yom Kippur, the congregation noticed that a certain ignorant Jew was banging on his heart for the Al Chayt with both his fists.

After the silent prayer they asked him: "Why two hands?"

Answered he: "I came in late, and in order to catch up with the congregation I decided to hit with both hands and make up for lost time."

There is always a chance to catch up — there is much time to make up.

Return, beloved neshama, to your source! Easy as ABC - Good Shabbes.

Alzheimer's a "silent epidemic"

Tragic disease affects brain cells

TORONTO —

In a standing-room only forum on Alzheimer's Disease, sponsored here recently by the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, Walter Lyons, national president of the Alzheimer's Society of Canada, likened the condition to a "silent epidemic," affecting the entire community.

"If you're a taxpayer, it ravages your wallet; if you're a victim, it affects your mind and if it's in your family, it will break your heart," he said.

The disease is caused by degeneration of brain cells and is most common in elderly people but has stricken those as young as 40.

Calling Alzheimer's "progressive and irreversible," Dr. Leslie Goldenberg, director of ambulatory services at Baycrest Centre, added that it involves many biological and chemical changes in its victims, causing a myriad of different types of problems including personality changes, severe memory loss, loss of ability to perform gestures and loss of perceptual or spatial judgment.

Dr. Kenneth Shulman, head of the division of geriatric psychiatry at the University of Toronto and a staff psychiatrist at Sunnybrook Hospital, stated that there is no treatment today that can prevent, slow down or reverse the process once it begins.

"This does not justify giving up and saying there's nothing you can do," he stressed. "There's much that professionals can do, but attitudes have to change from those of curing to doing the best we can under the circumstances."

All three forum participants and Dr. Rory Fisher, head of Sunnybrook's extended care services who acted as moderator, stressed the strain on the family and the community by victims of Alzhimer's Disease and other similar conditions. Eventually most of the patients become so difficult to handle that they must be institutionalized.

Lyons, whose wife became an Alzheimer's victim at the age of 53, urged the audience not to be too judgmental or critical of the sometimes violent or unexplainble behavior of the patients. Dr. Goldenberg agreed, adding that "abnormal behavior is not willful . . . it's a manifestation of the disease itself." The patients often react violently because they're frustrated at their inability to communicate or their growing fear of the environment.

All of the panelists commented that the overflow crowd which jammed the Oak Room of the Inn on the Park is a testament to the impact the disease has had. While many in the audience were related to Alzheimer's victims, others were social workers, nurses and other professionals who work with the patients and their families.

The exact cause of Alzheimer's has not yet been determined. In addition, there are other dementias (failure of the brain) with similar effects. Exact diagnosis is not possible because the brain can't be examined during life.

However, the cause is not of importance in terms of caring for the patients, although it has relevance for the future, in terms of prevention.

Shulman added that there have ben numerous changes in the health care of Alzheimer's patients including the development of community outreach programs, assessment undertaken in the homes of victims and the multidisciplinary approach by professionals in working on the problem.

"Doctors can't do it on their own," he said. "It must be a team effort, involving medical doctors, psychiatrists, social workers, the family and even lawyers when victims' competence is being questioned."

Lyons stated that approximately 300,000 Canadians, 20,000 of them in greater Metro Toronto area, are victims of Alzheimer's.

New Technion head

Cohen vows active year

TORONTO —

Sid Cohen, newly elected president of the Toronto chapter of The Canadian Technion Society, has pledged an active year, an open door policy and increased involvement by members of his board.

Speaking after his election at a recent meeting at the Inn on the Park, Cohen took over the chair from past president Jack Hahn. Cohen, who owns Plan Electric, is known for his involvement in the Technion Science Fair and the Jewish Community Centre.

Sid Cohen

In addition to Cohen's election as president at the meeting, Hahn was installed as immediate past president; Stephen Berger, Louis Lockshin, Nicholas Munk, and Jacob Kosoy as vice-presidents emeritus; Mark Friedman and Barry Rose, senior vice-presidents; and Al Badner, David Buck, Gary Goldberg, Freda Hahn, Lou Ronson, Hy Shore, Bill Wiener, Irving Waltman, vice-presidents. Harold Garfinkle is treasurer and Harold Altman, secretary.

In making plans for the upcoming year, the new board stressed the need for continuing outreach to the public, increased membership, and a renewed commitment to the education of the public about the role the Technion plays in the economic and the domestic security of Israel.

The Toronto Chapter's plans include completing the Ethel and Allan Grossman Centre for Research and Immunology, continuing with the Canada Faculty Centre Project, hosting the 4th annual Technion Science Fair at the Ontario Science Centre, and co-sponsorship of a high-tech research and development day in the late spring.

In addition to the newly elected executive, the following were added to the board of directors for 1984-5: Murray Belzberg, Phil Drabinsky, Lloyd Fogler, Dr. Daniel Glick, Larry Grossman, Steven Held, Robert Mandell, Harvey Pollack, Arnold Recht, David Rotenberg MPP, Phil Scheinman, Allan Schwartz, Gerry Sheff, Sheldon Taerk, Chester Waxman and Harriet Wolman.

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TORONTO —

Chanukah is coming up and kids are already looking forward to getting their dreidels out, eating "haiseh, fetteh latkes" and anticipating the traditional receipt of gifts.

Well, one more treat they can look forward to is a special children's concert in celebration of Chanukah, featuring Montreal-born singer/songwriter Fran Avni.

The talented, sensitive artist who sports three children's records to her credit — Latkes and Hamantashen, Mostly Matzoh and the recently released The Seventh Day (CJN Oct. 25) — will be performing on Sunday, Dec. 16, 1.30 p.m. in the Philip Smith Hall, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Avni's songs are in a variety of styles, including reggae, pop, dixieland and breakdance music. Her albums have been heralded by parents and educators as "quality children's material, enriching, educating and entertaining."

Tickets are $3 and can be obtained by calling 789-3291.

Ostry cites unique approach

Canada's "cultural liberty" hailed

TORONTO —

Canadian society has escaped the racist traps of 19th century nation states "because it is based on the new dynamic of a cultural liberty," said Bernard Ostry, deputy minister of the Ontario ministry of citizenship and culture in a recent address.

Speaking at a session of the 2nd annual conference of the Canadian Council for Multicultural and Intercultural Education, Ostry said in the 19th century it was believed that nation states should be formed around a single language and tradition. This resulted in disaffected minorities such as Irish in the United Kingdom and the Basque in Spain. Because the founding English and French peoples could not develop a common ideology, there was little they could share with successive waves of immigrants.

"Canada and Canadians had to find their own way of getting along together," said the deputy minister. "It was the people themselves, rather than their government, who brought cultural liberty into being and made it work."

Multiculturalism as a government objective grew out of this populist creation.

"The 1972 Heritage Ontario Congress served as the catalyst and guide for much of Ontario's policy on multiculturalism," Ostry said. "The province helped ethnic groups organize institutions through which they could express themselves and be assured of full participation in society.

"But just as the nature of multiculturalism is a creative, evolutionary process and one that is never fully achieved, the work of voluntary organizations and government institutions is never finished so long as there are immigrants in our society," he added.

"As an aspect of citizenship, of bringing people together and protecting their rights, multiculturalism is a continuing responsibility of the ministry of citizenship and culture," he continued. "This ministry has met its responsibilities with a number of measures, such as a revision of the Ontario Human Rights Code in 1981; the support of the Ontario Multicultural History Society; multicultural education guidelines formulated for the classroom; fair representation of visible minorities in advertising; and millions of dollars spent on Heritage Language programs."

The citizenship development branch of the ministry runs a program called "Citizenship and Multiculturalism Support" where a number of initiatives are aimed at strengthening and encouraging full, equal and responsible citizenship within a pluralistic society.

In 1983-84, the program co-sponsored events for ethnocultural groups; conducted workshops for ethnocultural organizations; prepared, printed and distributed multicultural information publications; and conducted leadership training workshops.

Ostry also stated that he looks forward to the time when "the doors of immigration open again for brave souls seeking a new life and better opportunities. We need their courage and hope. We need the kind of social concern that comes from an awareness that we are all in the same boat and that losers should be given a helping hand."

To combat the "inevitable hatred, bigotry and discrimination," Ostry said, requires two elements. One is strong anti-discrimination laws which limit and contain the damage done by ethnic confrontations. The heavy hand of the law however, must be supplemented by "a genuine agreement to differ" in society. This is one of the achievements of the practice of cultural freedom as it has evolved in Canada.

"The only thing the benefits of cultural freedom will cost us," Ostry added, "is fanaticism. There is simply no room for fanatics in our society. As it turns out the one thing we have to sacrifice is something we are better off without."

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New multiculturalism grants program set

TORONTO —

The government of Ontario has initiated a program of ongoing, operating grants to multicultural organizations to assist them in maintaining financial stability.

Susan Fish, minister of citizenship and culture, announced $1.3 million per year — a 40% increase — has been allocated to help finance established community based organizations with a record of providing services effectively to Ontario's multicultural community. The amount of $650,000 has been allotted for the remainder of the 1984 fiscal year.

"The new grants program will strengthen the administrative base of multicultural service organizations which consequently will be better able to attract, and hold, the qualified staff they need," Fish told the Legislative Assembly in announcing the program recently.

The aim of the grants, she continued, is to "provide continuing help to many of those who have come to Ontario from other lands."

Organizations eligible for the grants include those providing ongoing delivery of settlement services, those active in the multicultural field and those which use multicultural and multilingual programs to assist in the integration of minorities.

"Our new multicultural service grants program will allow organizations to develop new initiatives and long-term support to address the needs" of the immigrant population, Fish stated.

"The program will be of particular benefit to immigrant women who have been especially vulnerable to the obstacles preventing successful integration," she added.

Community organizations outside of Toronto which are now adjusting to "the needs and challenges of an increasingly multicultural population" are also targeted by the program.

Programs and service delivered by organizations hoping to qualify for the grants must fall within the mandate of the ministry and the organizations must have a successful record of at least three years of delivery of services.

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Organizations and People

JCC plans holiday event for N. York

TORONTO —

The North East Branch of the Jewish Community Centre is coordinating a pre-Chanukah celebration for the city of North York which will be held from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, at the North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St.

This is the fifth year that the JCC will be coordinating the event for North York. The festivities are being held before the actual start of Chanukah on Dec. 18 to avoid conflicts with winter activities.

"We are pleased to be able to coordinate such an exciting event," says Michael Silverman, director of the North East Branch. "It is fundamental for the Jewish community to contribute to the multicultural activities provided by the City of North York."

Silverman said the event "provides an important showcase for the diversified talents within the Jewish community from all different ages and agencies." He urged readers of The CJN to "bring the whole family and let's celebrate as a united community."

In the program, Rabbi Elliot Feldman will tell the story of Chanukah and the JCC North East Brownie Troop will take part in the candlelighting dedication ceremony.

There will be singing and dancing by students from the Bialik Hebrew Day School, Associated Hebrew Schools, the United Synagogue Day School and the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. The Chai Dancers, the JCC Singers and the Yitzhak Argaman Trio will also perform.

Liz Tick, left, bazaar convenor and Merle Brown, Hamilton Hadassah president. [Moura Wolpert photo]

Right choice for Hadassah

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

For the women of Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO the decision to hold their annual bazaar in the city's downtown convention centre was their biggest gamble ever. And it paid off handsomely.

It was "the best ever," reports an elated Merle Brown, Hamilton Hadassah president. "We couldn't believe it. It was fabulous."

The success of the bazaar had been declining in recent years and when past president and this year's convenor Elizabeth Tick announced the new location earlier in the year, she was frankly worried.

The hall was considerably larger and more expensive than past locations; downtown parking might prove to be a problem; and worst of all, the women would not be allowed to bring their own home-cooked food — traditionally one of the bazaar's main attractions — but would have to employ the convention centre's catering service.

But "when Liz and I got there at 7.40 in the morning (opening time was 10 a.m.) they were already lined up . . . and by noon," said Brown, "we had surpassed our original goal."

All the more surprising because the Toronto bazaar, she'd heard, "was down a bit." Though, "not that we're competing," she hastens to add. "But . . . they did copy our fashion auction."

The fashion auction, with items donated by designers and boutiques, has become one of the bazaar's most popular features and this year, notes Brown, women from downtown offices called to ask it they would be allowed to attend if they brought their own lunches.

At the recent evaluation meeting there was none of the usual "hollering" or complaints about being placed in a poor location, she says.

The older women who generally do the cooking did not miss this chore, although an exception was made for their famous cabbage rolls which, not surprisingly, sold out early.

As usual, says Brown, the majority of the people come for second-hand clothing, which has always been restricted to winter wear. But noting the growing number of relatively well-to-do and well-dressed people who came to the bazaar, the women are considering opening up a cruisewear section next year.

"We're definitely going back next year. In fact," she says, "the convention centre wants us back."

Raffle winner to get a Rolls or a runner

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The chance to help raise $750,000 for diabetes research . . . and either drive away in a $100,000 Rolls-Royce or ride away aback your own thoroughbred yearling entered in the next Queen's Plate races — is yours if you drop around to the Metro Convention Centre on Thursday, Nov. 29.

That's when the 1984 Rolls-Royce Raffle & Gala Evening is being held by the Toronto chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, and it's "an evening that will offer something for every pocketbook," says Annette Oelbaum, president of the non-profit organization.

Besides winning the Rolls or a new BMW in the raffle, you'll have the opportunity to win 20 additional $1,000 prizes and participate in an auction of more than 400 items. These include a 2-week trip to Israel, 12 bagels a week for a whole year, a signed litho by Salvador Dali, a vacation to Disney World, and 12 Cabbage Patch dolls dressed up in designer outfits.

In addition, you'll have the chance to be entertained by performers ranging from Diane Warwick to singer Doug Crosley, have fun at a cabaret emceed by Alan Thicke, and dance at a CHUM Rock Video Disco.

Tickets range from $25 to $175. Committee members include Allan Shiff, Mel Wise, Arlene Zitsow, Lynda Weinrib, Len Levitsky, Arlene Schwartz, Carol Perlmutter, Lou Wronzberg and Bonnie Jackson. For information, phone 224-2633.

We missed one word

Blame it on our new computerized typesetting system!

In the Sherr, Bergstein column of Nov. 15 reference was made to paying down a mortgage (in response to a question).

The reply printed skipped a word. The correct version of that reply should have been: "At today's mortgage interest rates, the interest can be two or three times more than the original mortgage. The money you earn to pay it is taxable but the interest is NOT deductible. So, if possible, pay the mortgage down every time it opens."

Sounds like sound advice!

Grosbein gets VP position

TORONTO —

Margo Grosbein, past president of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Sisterhood, was installed as a national vice-president of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism at the organization's recent biennial national convention at the Concord Hotel in New York state.

As vice-president, Grosbein will be in charge of Canadian public affairs. Grosbein said she would like to develop a closer working relationship between the 30 Conservative sisterhoods in Canada and the national organization, as well as between the various sisterhood groups in this country.

She has been a member of the national board of Women's League and served two terms as president of the Ontario branch of the Women's League. Grosbein is a former teacher and catering chairman and has been active in the Boy Scouts of Canada for 15 years.

She has been a member of the Jewish Advisory Council and a leader trainer for the Scout organization. She has also been president of B'nai B'rith Women and the National Council of Jewish Women.

Selma Weintraub of New York, was installed for a second term as national president of the Women's League.

Over 2,000 delegates attended the 5-day convention which included a Torah study program with Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, addresses by Meir Rosenne, Israel's ambassador to the U.S., and Dr. Alexander Shapiro, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America.

Margo Grosbein

Special presentations honored Dr. Simon Greenberg, vice-chancellor of the seminary, and Blanche Lippitz of Chicago, retiring director of organization and service activities for Women's League.

The Women's League for Conservative Judaism is the parent body of 800 sisterhoods of Conservative synagogues in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Israel.

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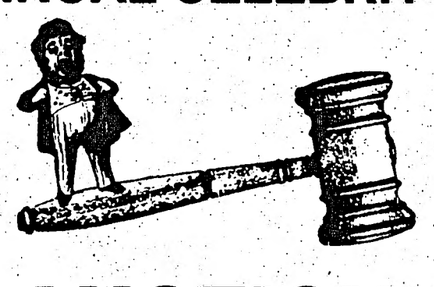

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Physician describes experiences

Hamilton doctor urges Jews to visit Soviet Union

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Despite police interrogation, a Hamilton physician would urge Jews to visit the Soviet Union.

Last June, Dr. Franklyn Shapiro, his wife Rita and their son David, a 21-year-old English major at Brandeis University, visited the Soviet Union. They went from Helsinki, Finland, where the Shapiros had attended a conference of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and where they were joined by David, returning from a year at the Hebrew University.

In a half-page article each in the Hamilton Spectator recently, father and son described their experiences: Dr. Shapiro told how he and his wife were hauled in by the police for questioning when they attempted to visit a Refusenik, David how he had met with Jewish groups and visited families.

The Shapiros carried gifts and greetings from relatives here for Abraham X, a distinguished mathematician living in Leningrad, and his wife. Although he had applied for an exit visa, Mr. X had not been deprived of his job — presumably, explained Dr. Shapiro during an interview at his office, because he is an outstanding mathematician whose supervisor is anxious to maintain his institute's close contact with Princeton University in the U.S.

The Shapiros phoned the Russians to arrange a visit but when they arrived at the apartment building, found the entrance blocked by "three young men . . . dressed in jeans and sport shirts." They wanted to know whom the Canadians wanted to see and why and the couple soon realized that this was not a joke, as they had at first assumed.

They were asked where their son was ("back at the hotel," although he was in fact visiting a Jewish group) and for their passports, which they had left at the hotel. Disregarding pleas from Mrs. Shapiro to at least allow them to go upstairs and say hello, the men took them to the police-station.

"We have not done anything illegal. We simply answer the questions," were the couple's whispered instructions to each other before being separately interrogated.

They were asked the reasons for their visit, questions about Mr. X and the person in Hamilton who had given them his address, whether they were members of a Zionist organization . . . and finally released after being told to sign a form stating that they had not been harmed in any way. They were also told not to visit Mr. X.

To their surprise, Abraham phoned them at their hotel that night and told them that although he had received many gifts from abroad, they were the first to be physically barred from visiting.

"Please do not overdramatize this incident," he said. "There is nothing more that they can do to me that has not already been done. You will not make my position worse.

"If you do not visit, if you do not write, if you do not send letters, we (Soviet Jews) are dead."

More encouraging was the chance meeting at the Leningrad synagogue with a young doctor who revealed that he came from a small town and had never seen a synagogue. But since his passport labeled him a Jew, he felt himself to be a Jew and free to go to a synagogue. His dearest wish, he told them, was "to marry a Jewish girl."

Meanwhile David, a former Young Judaea president, from whom customs officials had confiscated a Jerusalem poster, two cassettes of rock music and a paperback of Jewish short stories, lectured to Jewish groups about his work with Zionist youth groups here and about Jewish resistance during the Holocaust. He also met with individual families.

The meetings, the circuitous routes he was taken, the precautions, read like spy fiction. Were his parents worried? The father hesitates: "David was very cautious."

After the Helsinki conference, where they had also met Russian physicians, the Shapiros, "open-minded and middle of the road," entered Russia "on an upbeat note," joining six other Canadians, "two women from the Jewish leftwing background that had become tremendously disappointed after the doctors' plot," three Ukrainians from the West and a Scottish war bride from BC, "an avid booster of all things Russian."

In addition to Leningrad, they visited Moscow, Kiev and Yalta, had their fill of official propaganda at historical sites (including Babi Yar), museums and war memorials, and with diligent research, succeeded in separating historical fact from Soviet fiction.

What upset him on their return, says Dr. Shapiro, a former president of the Hamilton Council of Jewish Organizations and Temple Anshe Sholom, was their Canadian friends' assumption "that we must have been very naive. Don't you read? they asked us.

"There's a world of difference between reading and experiencing," he points out, and while he himself has no wish to return to the Soviet Union, he urges others to visit and encourage the Refuseniks and dissidents, especially Jews.

"My brief contact with Mr. X was worth all the time, trouble and tribulation heaped upon us by Soviet officials," concludes his article.

Kilimanjaro climbers raise funds for hospital

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
Some people will go to any heights to raise funds for a worthy cause.

For Paul Biggin, vice president of Doctors Hospital, this involved scaling one of the highest points on earth.

Biggin said that before leaving on an expedition to Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania with his wife Peggy, he decided to use his vacation as an opportunity to raise funds for a Doppler Echocardiography Unit for the hospital, a diagnostic unit which permits the early detection of heart disease.

He said he also asked other members of his 12-man team, which left Oct 12, and the first team, which left Oct. 5, to seek pledges of a quarter of a cent for each foot climbed.

While not all members of the 25-man expedition participated in the fund raising drive, Biggin said that to date about $8,000 in pledges has been collected and money continues to pour in. Once all pledges are in, Biggin said, they could have over two-thirds of the $35,000 needed for the hospital equipment.

As well as soliciting pledges prior to the journey, Biggin said he discovered a number of medical dangers that can occur at high altitude locations, while studying scientific and medical literature on the subject.

"I was surprised at the incidence and intensity of illness of which we were aware, and the number of people who had problems," said Biggin. "We recorded three specific casualties during our 6-day expedition on the mountain.

"Many members of our team suffered unusual headaches and nausea and almost everyone experienced insomnia and an excessively high resting heart rate; mine was 120 (beats) a minute. We had to take care to avoid dehydration.

"In addition I recorded extreme exhaustion, dizziness and forced breathing at the 15,000-foot level, and the higher we went the more agonizing and difficult the going became. Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in the world that can be climbed without special equipment and this is why there are very real dangers for people, even for those who are in peak physical condition. The last few hundred feet to the top were agonizing."

Phillip Dezwirek of Toronto also found the mountain peak a fabulous experience.

On the expedition with his wife Peggy, who trailed just short of the summit, Dezwirek said eight members of the team arrived at the top at 7.30 in the morning after scaling the glacial surface in 25 F below zero weather during the night.

The expedition also included Joey Tanenbaum and Marilyn Rosenzveig.

COMING EVENTS

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SAT., DEC. 1 - at Shabbat Services - **BETH TZEDEC YOUTH CHOIR**, under the direction of CANTOR PAUL H. KOWARSKY, will participate at our Shabbat Services.

TUES., DEC. 4, 12:30 p.m. - **FRIENDSHIP CLUB PLUS 50** presents "LUNCHEON AND CLASSICAL CABARET". Guest Artists: RUTH MOROWETZ and ROSS THOMPSON. Ruth Morowetz is a versatile pianist who has accompanied many prominent singers; Ross Thompson's repertoire includes: The Merry Window; Carmen; The Barber of Seville ... Reservations a must. $5. Call 781-3511. Everyone welcome!

THURS., DEC. 6, 7:30 p.m. - Mezzanine Hall - **SISTERHOOD EVENING BOOK REVIEW** with PROF. PETER MARTINELLI of York University, who will review **"Watch on the Rhine"**, a play by Lillian Hellman. Light refreshments. Seniors and Sisterhood members: $3. Non-members: $4.

SUN., DEC. 9, 2:30 p.m. - **Beth Tzedec Youth Committee** presents CHILDREN'S CONCERT SERIES. Featuring: KIM KOWARSKY, of Toronto and BRYNA BRUDER, of Montreal. ALL children, 3 years and OVER are welcome! Cost: adults $3, children $2. Tickets available in advance at Beth Tzedec or at the Door on the day of the Concert.

NOTE: This is the OPENING CONCERT ... FUTURE Concert DATES: Sunday, February 3; Saturday, March 2; Sunday, March 3; Saturday, March 9; Sunday, April 7; Saturday, May 11; Saturday, June 8 ... Watch for details.

TUES., DEC. 11, 12:30 p.m. - **FRIENDSHIP CLUB PLUS 50** — TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Campaign HOT-line

Those weekly Wednesday breakfast meetings continue to attract capacity attendance. In fact, anyone who arrives after 7:45 a.m. is hard put to find a seat. Last week an extra section of the Lipa Green Conference Centre had to be opened to accommodate the crowd ... to the delight of Chairmen **Harry Gorman** and **Jerry Shear**.

As we steadily approach the campaign windup, the weekly divisional reports clearly incidate that projected goals WILL be reached with just a bit of extra effort by all canvassers.

A mini-Super Sunday telethon (in addition to those already scheduled for other dates), was held last Sunday, to bring us nearer to those goals. Will report on results next week.

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One of the reasons for those great turnouts each week, aside from the camaraderie, has been due in part, to the calibre of our guest speakers.

Last week **Shimon Ravid**, the Jewish Agency's Director General, Office of Finance, provided a revealing update on the state of Israel's economy and spoke of the situation regarding the Jews of Ethiopia.

Ravid assured his listeners that "most Ethiopian Jews will reach Israel." He said he was aware of criticism directed at Israel from various North American groups, regarding rescue efforts.

"We prefer to be criticized rather than reveal what we're doing," he stated, "so as not to jeopardize rescue operations."

He went on to say that world Jewry will be proud when the full story comes out.

As to the economy, Ravid emphasized the unfortunate fact that the "only way to fight inflation" was through increased unemployment. With retrenchment in government funds allocated to social services, the role of Diaspora Jewry becomes even more crucial to the daily wellbeing of Israel's citizens, it was pointed out.

Scheduled speaker for the next breakfast meeting is **Shira Herzog Bessin** of the Canada-Israel Committee. She will discuss our new Parliament's policies and relationship with Israel.

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A "slew" of cards were "very successfully covered" at the first Physicians Division telethon of the 1985 campaign, say Chairmen **Drs. Shim Felsen** and **Brian Silver**. They heaped credit for the positive results of the evening effort on their colleagues who joined them. They included **Drs. Paul Bernstein, Joel Kirsh, Howard Price, Irving E. Rosen, Jon Waisberg** and **Harvey Zimmerman.**

More cleanup telethons have been scheduled.

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Women's Division Chairman **Julia Koschitzky** hosted a pull-in at her home last week for more than 50 women.

Special guest was author **Fredelle Bruser Maynard**, whose book *Raisins and Almonds* has been adapted for the stage. It will be performed at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

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Those two Israeli stalwarts — **Yossi Glatt** and **Zvi Garcy** — are in town for the duration of the campaign.

For Yossi, a former Torontonian, last Sunday's meeting of the Ostrovtzer Society was a journey back in time. He recalled how, as a boy, he would accompany his father (who was an Ostrovtzer member) to many meetings.

He emphasized the importance of instilling a feeling for Yiddishkeit and a responsibility to Israel in our children. The fund-raising meeting was arranged by the Society's UJA Co-chairmen **Sydney Weinberg, Harry Fisher** and **Harry Baigelman** and President **Joe Snider.**

Yossi Glatt (third from right) was special guest at Ostrovtzer Society meeting. Shown with him are: Al Speisman, Sydney Weinberg, Harry Fisher, Harry Baigelman and Joseph Snider.

No slowing down for Yossi. He later addressed a UJA campaign luncheon meeting of the Tzosmerer Society, organized under the joint chairmanship of **Shalom Nussbaum** and **Joe Israel**, along with President **Chil Elbaum**.

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Zvi Garcy was the guest speaker at a UJA breakfast meeting of the Chenstochover Aid Society last week.

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Zvi also addressed a breakfast meeting of the Chenstochover Aid Society, under the aegis of **Phil Skovronek**, who is UJA chairman and president, assisted by **Sam Yakubowicz** and **Sam Gelkopf**.

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Organizations and People

Market's most majestic landmark

Demise of Lottman's Bakery mourned by all

By
FRANK RASKY

Bruce Gould auctions off Lottman's cake and cash register.

TORONTO —

It was the end of an era, the handful of Jewish merchants remaining in the Kensington Market area were saying mournfully last week.

They were mourning the death of Lottman's Imperial Bakery, which has baked its last loaf of pumpernickel and had been buried in a state of bankruptcy.

For half a century, it had been the market's most majestic landmark.

And its founder, Sam Lottman, the master baker from Prosavich near Keltz in Poland, was revered as the uncrowned king of Kensington.

Generations of Torontonians can remember paying homage to his culinary artistry.

They made a ritual of coming to the market just to shop at the cozy, 3-storey kingdom, at the corner of Baldwin and Kensington, where Sam, and later his son Joe, reigned supreme.

Lottman bread lovers were fiercely loyal subjects.

They maintained that no baker in town could come within a whiff of matching the glorious smell and "tam" of Lottman's Imperial bagels emerging crisp and golden and piping hot from the ovens, or Lottman's egg-plump braided challahs, or Lottman's moist onion rolls, and, above all, Lottman's incomparable Russian ryes studded with caraway seeds like crown jewels.

At its peak, the Lottman domain included a staff of 50, a fleet of trucks that delivered its products wholesale to 75 restaurants and stores throughout Toronto, and an annual sales volume of $1.5 million.

But since the death three years ago of Joe Lottman at the age of 60, the business began dwindling.

Some blamed poor management. But, according to Wayne Teskey, the company's accountant and administrator when the bakery recently closed after filing for bankruptcy, "it was a case of too high overhead. Our sales couldn't keep abreast of rising costs."

Whatever the reason for its demise, a good many neighbors and friends dropped around to pay their respects recently when the bankrupt bakery's entire assets were auctioned off for $83,000 . . . everything from the cash register that fetched $325 to the forlorn shell of a once regal iced wedding cake mounted on a cardboard throne that went for $39.

Nobody was sadder about these obsequies than auctioneer Bruce Gould, 55, president of J. Spadafora & Co, Canada Liquidators, who says that Joe Lottman's widow, Cecilia, is planning to lease out part of the bakery building to a restaurant.

"I've been a friend of the Lottman family for 36 years," said Gould, shaking his head glumly. "I never dreamed I'd put the old establishment under the auctioneer's hammer one day."

Lou Firestone, 64, who ran the Firestone Poultry Market in Kensington for 29 years, dropped around to reminisce about his friend, Sam Lottman, who died in 1972.

"Everybody in the neighborhood loved Sam," said Firestone. "He was a soft touch for charity and founded the Kielcer Sick Benefit Society. This corner will be missed. Lottman's drew a lot of people to the market."

Rene Daiter, 49, is the 2nd generation proprietor of Daiter's Dairy which has been functioning for 43 years across the road from Lottman's.

"There are little more than a handful of us Jewish oldtimers doing business in Kensington," she said, listing such veterans as Baum's Green Grocery and Stern's Butcher Shop.

"There's no doubt that my father-in-law, Harry Daiter, started here selling what is still the best cottage cheese in Kensington. Still, I miss the presence of Kaplan's Creamery almost next door which shut down recently.

"The Portuguese and the West Indians have taken over and there are few of us Jews left. The old fashioned Kensington lifestyle is passing into history."

Katie Lottman Grossman, 57, says amen to that. The daughter of Sam and Emma Lottman, she treasures a few faded snapshots of her father and cherishes memories of the old Kensington days.

She remembers how the family lived above the original Lottman's Bakery at 172 Baldwin, which now functions as the West Indian Patty Palace, and how her mother, now retired at 82, was an inexhaustible pastry baker and saleswoman.

"She could sell the Brooklyn Bridge to anybody," says Katie. "Well past midnight, when we were trying to fall asleep, some yenta would shout up the stairs, 'Emma, I need two fresh buns for two pennies!'

"No matter how tired she was, my mother refused to miss a sale. She'd trudge downstairs — always counting and cursing the 21 steps — but nevetheless doing it.

"Mama was on her feet for 48 years, standing in her 'office' beside the cash register as you left the store. She'd always suggest, 'Nu, did you forget to buy one of these nice sugar cookies?' Sure enough, she'd make another sale."

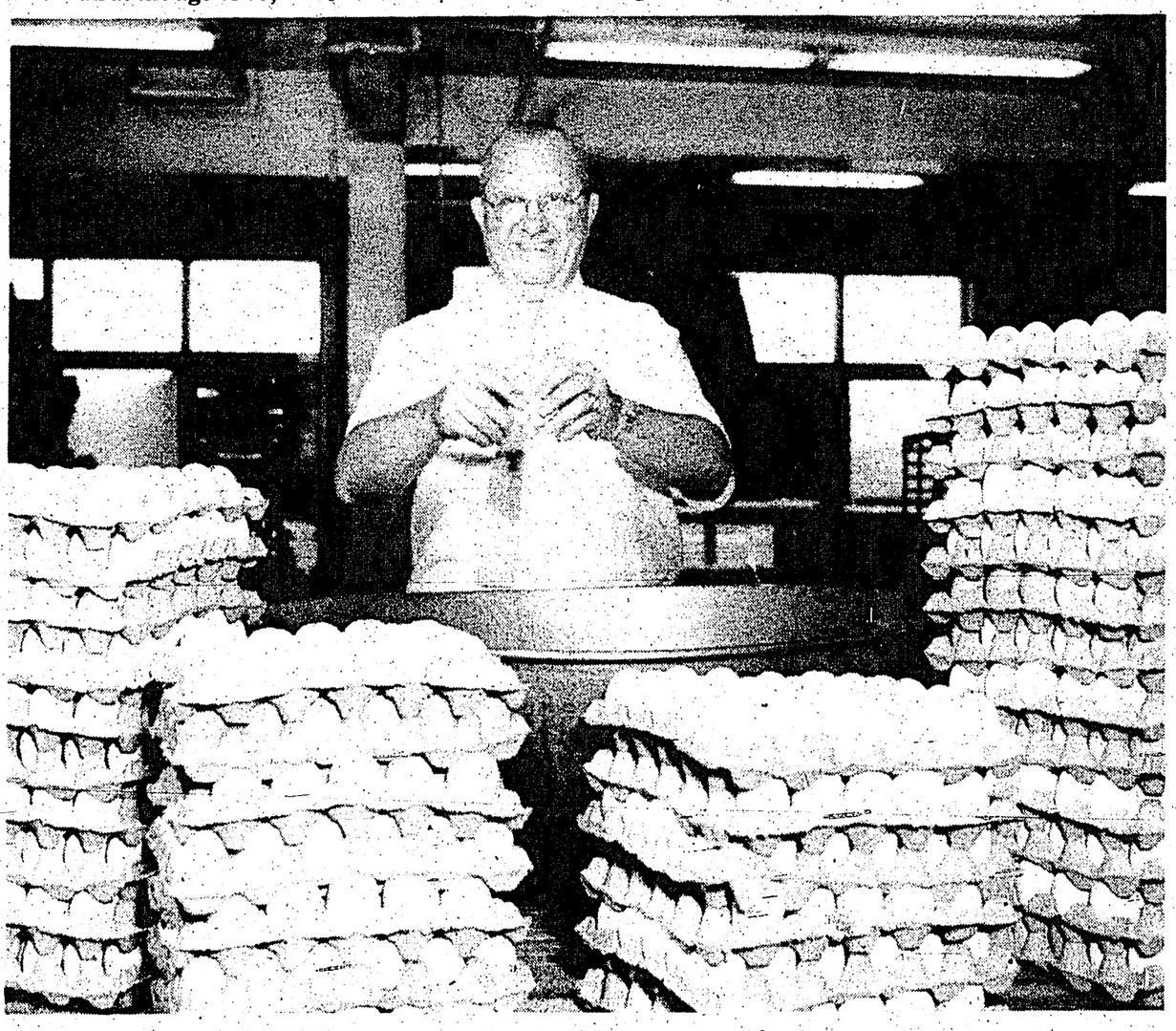
She remembers her father as an equally tireless worker. "He'd work around the clock, mixing dough by hand. Often he wouldn't go upstairs to sleep at all. He was so tired he'd lie down on a sack of flour and catch a nap for an hour."

She thinks her father was so beloved in the neighborhood because he took seriously his duties as a founder of the Hebrew Free Loan Society and took pains to help out elderly customers who were too hard up to buy their Sabbath chalah.

"Papa laid down the rule that we were never to embarrass a charity case," she says. "If they only offered a nickel for a dollar's worth of bread, we were trained to smile and say, 'Thank you. Are you sure that's all you need?' "

Her mother, Emma, remarkably spry and cheery for her age, was asked by The CJN to offer an epitaph for the old store.

She replied instantly: "Lottman's should be remembered as the place where you could get a good shtikel of rye bread and lots of frailichkeit."



The late Sam Lottman breaking eggs for baking challahs.

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Israel's economic state "going to get worse"

UIA seeks more donations to aid poor economy

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
The United Israel Appeal of Canada (Ontario Region) is aiming for a 25% increase in donations in 1985 to partly combat what at least one expert sees as "wrenching economic suffering" imminent in Israel.

The Ontario Region's annual general meeting was held here recently and Appeal workers were told to apply some "gentle nudging" to boost pledges next year by one-quarter over 1984. And more money for Israel is needed "more than ever," said the meeting's guest speaker, Prof. Allen Pollack.

During Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982, Pollack founded American Professors for Peace in the Middle East, a group of 17,000 academics on 600 university campuses in the U.S. He implored Appeal campaigners to come up with more funds because Israel's economic state is "bad and it's going to get worse."

"Seventy percent of whatever Israel can beg or borrow goes to defence and to service the debt. The remaining 30 cents on the dollar for everything else is simply not enough," Pollack said.

In 1983, United Israel Appeal of Canada raised $19 million in cash for Israel's Jewish Agency, the central body that overseas spending on absorption, education, housing, aliya and various social programs.

But worldwide donations for 1983 fell about 5% short of the Agency's $350 million budget. The agency has budgeted $360 million for 1984/85.

Pollack did not paint a rosy economic picture of Israel. He said the country now joins nations like Mexico, Argentina and Peru in having some of the worst inflation in the world. Last month, for example, Israel's inflation reached an incredible 1,300%, compounded annually.

Pollack reminded his audience that since assuming power, Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres has cut a billion dollars from the nation's $23 billion dollar budget and is under pressure from economists to cut another billion.

Pollack said such cuts will bring about a new wave of unemployment and higher demands for the very services being reduced.,

But Pollack was most adamant about Israeli forces leaving Lebanon. He said the occupation is further bleeding a bad economy and undermining morale. "Everyone in Israel agrees that we must leave Lebanon. But we can't just get out . . . and we won't just walk out."

His pep talk centred on the need to help raise the 30% of Israel's budget outside defence spending and debt.

"UIA contributions should hurt," Ontario

Samuel Taylor

Region chairman Samuel Taylor said in his address. "If you do not feel that it hurts, you have not given enough."

Taylor will remain on as chairman of the Ontario Region for the next year. The only changes announced to the Executive were as follows: Judge David Steinberg will serve as vice-chairman of the region; the new chairman of the nominations committee is Mort Abramsky; Lou Sklar was named as chairman of Project Renewal and two new co-options were named to the executive: Gay Berger and Louise Cornblum.

Torah can't be ignored, rabbi warns

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Just as a state must encourage industry and technology in order to survive, Rabbi Simcha Hacohen Kook, Chief Rabbi of Rehovot, Israel, told an audience of 250 recently at a melave malka at B'nai Torah Synagogue, "the Jewish state must permit the warming influence of Torah to be its guide."

The melave malka was sponsored jointly by B'nai Torah and the Mizrachi Organization of Canada.

The rabbi also stressed the importance of eliminating the division between halachic and secular law, especially in such matters as divorce and conversion.

Ignoring Torah precepts in these matters will not only produce mamzerim, children forbidden to marry within the faith or take part in Jewish religious life, he warned, but will also lead to rifts and distrust within the Jewish community.

Rabbi Kook said that the stone out of which Israel's buildings are fashioned signifies the eternal nature of the country. "So long as the stones are assembled with kedusha holiness," he said, "no Jew will find himself merely a visitor in Israel.

"It will truly be his home."

Kurt Rothschild, national president of Mizrachi, Rabbi Raphael Marcus of B'nai Torah and Rabbi Menachem Gopin, executive director of Mizrachi, all praised Rabbi Kook's warmth, humor and sincerity, which they said have successfully united the divergent communities of yeshiva and university, Ashkenazi and Sephardi, non-religious and religious in Rehovot.

Rabbi Kook, the nephew of the first Chief Rabbi of Israel, is the founder and president of Yeshivat Meor Hatalmud, a yeshiva which he established in memory of his late brother, his predecessor as Chief Rabbi of Rehovot.

A slide show presented at the Saturday evening gathering depicted life in this centre of Torah study, which welcomes and integrates scholars from every segment of the Jewish community. It has become so successful that it has outgrown its present quarters, and attempts are now being made to build larger facilities.

Yeshivat Meor Hatalmud is a Mizrachi project, "one of the great Mizrachi success stories; one in which we can take great pride," said Rabbi Gopin.

A special award was presented to Meyer and Idelle Weinstock for their generosity toward Yeshivat Meor Hatalmud and "to the cause of the Mizrachi Organization and religious education as a whole."

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Organizations and People

Foundation honors Zucker with Man of Year award

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
The Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis honored Simon Zucker as its 1984 Man of the Year at an awards banquet recently.

About 1,600 people attended a dinner at the Toronto Hilton Harbour Castle at which Zucker, president of Simon Zucker & Associates, a food brokerage firm, was presented with the Foundation's second annual award.

Zucker has been one of the CFIC's most energetic workers over the past several years, both in fund raising and helping to create greater public awareness of the Foundation.

The Foundation was established in 1974 as a non-profit, voluntary organization dedicated to medical research and health education. While ileitis and colitis are generally unknown to the public, about 200,000 Canadians suffer from the disabling bowel diseases, more than from multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis combined, according to the Foundation.

Ileitis and colitis impair the normal functioning of the gastro-intestinal system, slowing physical development and causing bloody diarrhea, nausea, severe pain, fever and exhaustion. Incidence of the two diseases are on the rise, particularly among children, and, they are incurable.

Simon Zucker

Approximately $200,000 was raised at the dinner and through a donation from the Variety Club, where Zucker participated in founding the food industry "cash for kids" coupon program to help some of the thousands of disabled children in Ontario and Canada.

Zucker was born in Manchester, England and came to Canada as a teenager with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Zucker. He joined Shopsy's Foods Ltd. in the early 1960s where he became vice-president of marketing. In the mid-70s he opted for a career change and founded his own food brokerage company.

Always energetic, one of his associates describes him as "a guy who can't stand **not** being involved."

His generosity of spirit is recalled fondly by his mother, who told The CJN that even as a 3-years-old "he was helping other children, giving away everything he had."

Making the award presentation to Zucker was last year's recipient, Norman Auslander, group vice-president and general manager of Miracle Food Mart. Keith Norton, the provincial minister of health, and Jake Epp, the federal minister of national health and welfare read messages of congratulations.

Joining Zucker at the head table were Dave Nichol, president of Loblaws Ltd., John Toma, president of Dominion Stores Ltd., Norm Fingler, vice-president of Canada Safeway, as well as a number of businessmen from other corporations.

Ethiopia's problem not unique to Africa

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
It is estimated that between 600,000 to 900,000 Ethiopians will die within the next year as the result of malnutrition and starvation, says Bert Demmers, chief of information and communications for UNICEF (United Nations Childrens' Fund) in East Africa.

Demmers told The CJN that in Ethiopia today 7 million people are threatened by hunger: about 1 million under the age of 4 years and about 1.7 million between the ages of 5 and 15.

"In Ethiopia alone an immense number of people are threatened," Demmers said, explaining that the problem in that country is not unique to Africa. In the past two years about 100,000 people have died in Mozambique because of drought and famine.

While UNICEF is hoping to raise $4.5 million worldwide this year for Ethiopia, Demmers said, they have only received about $2 million so far. Canada is attempting to raise $1 million, according to Barbara Swetsky, information officer with UNICEF Canada. In the past month $345,000 was raised, she said.

To help alleviate the tragedy in Ethiopia, Demmers said UNICEF is involved in a number of relief operations including working with the World Health Organization (WHO) to immunize children against measles and hepatitis.

He said UNICEF is also bringing in oral rehydration salt packages to rehydrate children and roles of plastic and rope to make tents for shelter.

"There's a crying need for shelter."

A masssive effort to feed the more than 6 million people facing a serious food shortage is also underway. Between now and November 1985, Demmers said, about 800,000 metric tons of wheat will be needed to feed the starving masses. To date, about 175,000 metric tons has come in, 80,000 metric tons is on the way and 5,000 metric tons is committed in the future.

This will not be enough, he stated.

"The toughest time for these people is yet to come," he said. "The situation is getting worse by the day."

Demmers said, UNICEF is unable to reach about 30% of the population because some are too weak to come down from the highlands to obtain food and many areas are inaccessible to transport food to the populace.

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1. a) Please indicate if you feel The CJN should carry more, less or the same of the following:

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A. THE CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS

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3. On average, how long do you spend reading The CJN?
   a) 15 minutes ☐
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   a) _____ days
   b) _____ week
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   Yes ☐
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B. TRAVEL INFORMATION

6. How often did you travel last year? a) 1X ☐ b) 2X ☐ c) 3X ☐ d) 4X ☐ e) more than 4X ☐
7. How often did you travel on business? a) 1X ☐ b) 2X ☐ c) 3X ☐ d) 4X ☐ e) more than 4X ☐
8. Average length of stay . . . .days
9. How often did you travel for pleasure? a) 1X ☐ b) 2X ☐ c) 3X ☐ d) 4X ☐ e) more than 4X ☐
10. Average length of stay . . . days
11. Destinations?
    a) Canada ☐
    b) USA ☐
    c) Europe ☐
    d) Israel ☐
    e) Orient ☐
    f) Other ☐
    Please specify
12. Have you ever been to Israel?
    Yes ☐
    No ☐
13. Are you planning to go?
    Yes ☐
    No ☐
14. In this year ☐
    Next 3 years ☐
    Next 5 years ☐
15. When you travel, what means of travel do you use?
    a) Air ☐
    b) Boat ☐
    c) Other ☐
16. Do you book directly?
    Yes ☐
    No ☐
    or do you use a travel agency?
    Yes ☐
    No ☐
17. Would you go on a group tour?
    Yes ☐
    No ☐

C. LIFESTYLE INFORMATION

18. What type of dwelling are you in?
    a) Single family home ☐
    b) Townhouse. ☐
    c) Condominium Apt. ☐
    d) Apartment ☐
    e) Other ☐
    Indicate . . . . .
19. Do you a) rent ☐ b) own ☐ your dwelling?
20. Do you own a winter home? Yes ☐ No ☐
    Do you own a summer home? Yes ☐ No ☐
21. Are you planning to buy a home in the next 2 years? Yes ☐ No ☐
22. If yes, what type will it likely be?
    a) Single family home ☐
    b) Townhouse. ☐
    c) Condominium Apt. ☐
    d) Other ☐
23. If you presently own a home, how much did you spend on home improvements in the last 12 months?
    a) Under $3,000. ☐
    b) $4,000–$10,000 ☐
    c) $11,000–$20,000 ☐
    d) $21,000–$30,000 ☐
    e) $31,000 & Over ☐

D. CARS

24. Do you have a car?
    Yes ☐
    No ☐
25. If more than one car in your household, then how many?_____
26. Check one or more to describe your car or cars that you drive.

American	☐	Import	☐
a) luxury	☐	a) luxury	☐
b) full size	☐	b) full size	☐
c) sports car	☐	c) sports car	☐
d) midsize	☐	d) midsize	☐
e) compact	☐	e) compact	☐
f) subcompact	☐	f) subcompact	☐

E. FOOD EXPENDITURES

27. When you shop for food you usually shop at
    a) chain stores ☐
    b) local specialty shops ☐
    c) both ☐
28. When you shop for food you buy kosher food products
    a) always ☐
    b) frequently ☐
    c) sometimes ☐
    d) only at Passover or other holidays ☐
    e) never ☐
29. On average, what is your weekly household food shopping expenditure? _____
30. How many times a week do you eat at a restaurant? _____
31. You go out of your immediate area to eat.
    a) always ☐
    b) frequently ☐
    c) sometimes ☐
    d) hardly ever ☐
    e) never ☐
32. When you eat out it is always at a kosher establishment
    Yes ☐
    No ☐

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age
a) 18–25 ☐
b) 26–34 ☐
c) 35–44 ☐
d) 45–54 ☐
e) 55–64 ☐
f) 65 & Over ☐

Sex
Male ☐ Female ☐

Marital status of respondent
a) Married ☐
b) Widowed ☐
c) Separated ☐
d) Divorced ☐
e) Single ☐

Would you consider yourself to be orthodox ☐ conservative ☐ reform ☐ or other ☐

Does respondent have any children?
Yes ☐
No ☐
If yes, how many? _____
How many live at home? ____
How many attend private Hebrew schools_____
For each child check appropriate age.
(BEGIN WITH YOUNGEST)
a) Under 12 ☐ 13–20 ☐ 21–29 ☐ 30 & Over ☐
b) Under 12 ☐ 13–20 ☐ 21–29 ☐ 30 & Over ☐
c) Under 12 ☐ 13–20 ☐ 21–29 ☐ 30 & Over ☐
d) Under 12 ☐ 13–20 ☐ 21–29 ☐ 30 & Over ☐
e) Under 12 ☐ 13–20 ☐ 21–29 ☐ 30 & Over ☐

Does respondent have any grandchildren?
Yes ☐
No ☐

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL

Respondent & Spouse completed

Respondent	Spouse
a) Elementary School ☐	a) Elementary School ☐
b) High School. ☐	b) High School. ☐
c) Community College ☐	c) Community College ☐
d) University ☐	d) University ☐
e) Post-graduate studies ☐	e) Post-graduate studies ☐
f) Other ☐	f) Other ☐

Is your spouse employed outside the home?
Yes ☐ No ☐

ECONOMIC ROLE

Profession of Respondent and Spouse

Respondent	Spouse
a) Owner ☐	a) Owner ☐
b) Management ☐	b) Management ☐
c) Professional ☐	c) Professional ☐
d) Sales ☐	d) Sales ☐
e) Clerical ☐	e) Clerical ☐
f) Manufacturer ☐	f) Manufacturer ☐
g) Student ☐	g) Student ☐
h) Retired ☐	h) Retired ☐
i) Homemaker ☐	i) Homemaker ☐
j) Other ☐	j) Other ☐

INCOME

Income of Respondent and Spouse

Respondent	Spouse
a) Below $10,000 ☐	a) Below $10,000 ☐
b) $10,000–$14,999 ☐	b) $10,000–$14,999 ☐
c) $15,000–$19,999 ☐	c) $15,000–$19,999 ☐
d) $20,000–$24,999 ☐	d) $20,000–$24,999 ☐
e) $25,000–$29,999 ☐	e) $25,000–$29,999 ☐
f) $30,000–$34,999 ☐	f) $30,000–$34,999 ☐
g) $35,000–$49,999 ☐	g) $35,000–$49,999 ☐
h) $50,000 & Over ☐	h) $50,000 & Over ☐

Total Family Income (Use letter code as in above)____

"Impediments" must be resolved

Positive progress seen between Christians, Jews

By VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

Jews and Christians are making tangible progress in bridging the chasm of intolerance and malice that has been a burden to history for centuries, says Dr. Gerhardt Reigner, retired general secretary of the World Jewish Congress in Geneva, who recently addressed the first Alan Coatsworth Memorial Lecture at Temple Sinai Congregation.

Speaking to more than 350 people, Reigner, one of the first Jewish pioneers in inter-religious relations, said: "The Jewish community never felt as isolated or vilified as it did during the second World War. In response, Jewish leaders over the past 30 years, have been trying to establish a relationship with the Christian community. The effort remains positive yet restrained."

Reigner, one of those who first alerted the West to the reality of the Holocaust's Final Solution, stated that both the Jewish and Christian communities are slowly reaching out to each other. "Only when the great world spiritual forces cooperate on disarmament, development and human rights can we uphold the sanctity of human life."

He said the ecumenical movement in the Roman Catholic church (particularly during the Vatican Council II of 1965) was a positive step. "the Christian community and biblical scholars recognized their responsbility to the modern world rather than just the world to be," Reigner stated.

He said relations have advanced theologically, but on the political level there remains antagonism. "Christians must come to terms with the statehood of Israel and how the Jewish community intrinsically perceives itself," he added.

Reigner said there are "impediments" that must be resolved and differing beliefs that must be reevaluated.

"The Jewish and Christian communities are asymmetrical. Jews are a people not a church. Jews are born into Judaism not into humanity at large. Jews speak to God, Christians speak of God," he declared.

Rev. Clarke MacDonald, immediate past moderator of the United Church of Canada, said that inter-faith dialogue is a "must" and the importance of a positive attitude a "prerequisite."

"If the Christian and Jewish communities look at each other as a threat, then only paranoia and malice will emerge," MacDonald said. "The 'beast' in man must be eradicated."

"There are times when one feels the weight of Christian-Jewish dialogue. But we are all members of the human family. We must pass from the altars of the past to the flame and not the ashes," MacDonald said.

The first Alan Coatsworth Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and The Young Maccabees, honors a Christian businessman who befriended a group of poor Toronto Jewish boys in the 1920s.

Coatsworth, who died in 1967 at the age of 77, was a "pioneer who tried to promote harmony between people of divergent religious and ethnic groups at a time when Jewish-Christian dialogue was non-existent," said Irving Himel, a Toronto lawyer who was one of the members of the Maccabees, a Jewish boys' club organized by Coatsworth.

"It was Coatsworth's inspiration that united Jews and Christians together in brotherhood, enabling us to embrace each other as friends," Himel said.

BB probes two teachers

TORONTO —

There is a very definite possibility that a Canadian public school teacher has been promoting anti-semitism in the classroom, says Alan Shefman, the national director of B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights.

Shefman told The CJN that following complaints from two communities, the League launched investigations of two teachers to determine if their is any merit to the charges. Of the two cases, Shefman said, one is very definite and one is vague.

In order to protect the confidentiality of the all parties involved, Shefman said the names of those under investigation and their complainants can not be divulged.

Once the investigations are completed in a few weeks time, Shefman said, the League for Human Rights will take action. If its findings show that a teacher has been promoting anti-semitism in the classroom, he said, it will work with the appropriate school board to see that the teacher is dismissed.

If the teacher has been using methods similar to former Eckville school teacher Jim Keegstra, Shefman added, there is a possibility of laying charges.

Keegstra has been charged with wilfully promoting hatred against Jews.

Former BB president a local philanthropist

WINDSOR —

William Hurwitz, a well known local philanthropist, community service worker and manufacturer, has died at age 67. He served at various times as president of B'nai B'rith, chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, national executive officer of the United Israel Appeal, member of the board of directors of Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue and executive member of the Windsor Jewish Community Council.

William Hurwitz

Hurwitz began his varied business career in the Fitwell Glove Company, a family enterprise. During and after World War II, he manufactured ammunition boxes and other material for the Canadian Army. He acted as chairman of The Smoke Fund, which raised donations for cigarettes and personal items for Canadian soldiers.

After the war, Hurwitz developed and manufactured Canada's first domestically produced television set, the Coronet. He manufactured bathroom scales, electrical sterilizers, toys and even operated a travel agency.

He also built the Regency Colonade apartments and commercial complex in Windsor. But he is best known as a supplier of original parts to Ford, Chrysler, General Motors in Canada and the U.S. from his manufacturing plants.

Hurwitz is survived by his wife, Ruth, sons Paul, Richard, Michael and Barry and five grandchildren.

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Grossman points to study now under way

Report on funding of day schools will help govt.

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
Parents paying tuition for their children to attend private religous schools may find out by next summer whether the government will extend public funding to Jewish day schools, according to provincial Conservative leadership candidate Larry Grossman.

"The important thing about the issue is it's now part of a larger study that has been put together with a broad cross-section of people on the committee," Grossman said at a recent breakfast meeting at the Adath Israel Synagogue, sponsored by the Ontario subregion of the Great Lakes Region of the Federation of Jewish Mens' Clubs.

When the committee delivers its report, expected by next June or July, Grossman said it will tell the government a great deal on how to deal with the implications of making such a move.

Grossman said the government's decision to extend public funding to Separate schools past grade 10 was an important change in the government's philosophy and that he "never pretended not to be part of that cabinet decision."

Concentrating on the question of religion throughout his address, the provincial treasurer said that despite speculation by some, the party will not choose Premier William Davis' successor on the basis of religion.

"I want to say to those spectators that they simply don't understand my party, the history of my party and this province.

"I've been in every community in this province...and I want to make it clear that I belong to a party that brought in the first human rights legislation under George Drew, the party that brought in the first human rights code in this country under John Robarts."

When Conservative delegates finally cast their ballots for a new leader next January at the CNE Coliseum in Toronto, Grossman said, he is convinced they will choose someone who can provide leadership and who has the ability to work with and draw new people into the party.

"I consider the job of governing this province to be one that entails ensuring that our party reflects the diversity of Ontario and in 1984 that diversity gets greater, not smaller."

To deal successfully with the economic problems that beset Ontario's citizens, Grossman said, that the business community, young people, senior citizens and women will all have to "have a place at the table" and he extended an open invitation to all to join him in building a "quite different Ontario" come January.

"Ontarians will have to decide, members of my own party will have to decide, that beyond the policy statements there must be a leader who not only has the ability to understand issues and to relate to people in all parts of the province, but to bring into our party and reflect the diversity of Ontario in the composition of our party."

Responding to questions from the crowd of approximately 350, Grossman said he is opposed to extending the Spadina Expressway, favors a domed stadium for Toronto and is opposed to capital punishment.

Grossman said that while he is "outraged" over murders of policemen, he does not believe the state should take an "eye for an eye" approach to the problem. Instead, he said, calm responsible leadership is needed.

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Former Y worker to head rec program at York U

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Joseph Levy, 42, who at age 15 worked as a basket handler at the Bloor St. Y, has been named professor and coordinator of the recreation program at York University.

Born in Bucharest, Levy came to Canada in 1952 as a young boy with his parents from Israel.

He is taking up his new appointment Jan. 1, leaving his position as associate professor in Recreation and Leisure Studies at the University of Waterloo, a post he has held since 1971.

Levy is excited about coming back to work and live in Toronto which he considers a city in the avant garde of recreation and preventive health activities.

He is already commuting one day a week from his home in Waterloo to York to teach an undergraduate course in the physical education department, relating to aging, handicapped and minority groups.

Levy sees his appointment as a full professor in this specific field at York as an indication of how seriously the university considers its responsibilities to the health and leisure of its students and to the general community.

He noted that the Ontario government has given York a substantial grant to establish an Institute on Leisure and Life Quality and his own work will be centred at the institute, for which planning is already actively under way.

This new institute, he points out, is only one of the many new facilities which York will build to meet its original goals in in the field. "York is bursting at the seams," he said. "All the facilities are jampacked."

A graduate of Bathurst Heights Collegiate, and of the phys ed program at University of Waterloo, Levy obtained his Master's degree in social work at Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, and his PhD in a combined program at the University of Illinois and the University of Waterloo.

Joseph Levy

From 1962 to 1965, he was assistant athletic director at the JCC northern branch to the late Bert Life and with Life helped pioneer the first exercise program for cardiovascular patients, in cooperation with Toronto General Hospital.

He was at one time youth director at Beth Jacob Synagogue in Kitchener and says he will miss the active Jewish community in the twin cities.

The emphasis in the job on which he is embarking will be on wellness, rather than illness, he said. To this end, assessments of the physical condition of students will be undertaken and remedial programs planned.

Now content to jog and play tennis, Levy was a competitor in track and field events in Toronto, being a member of the Canadian Maccabiah team in Israel in 1969.

His late father, Imri, fought in the War of Independence in Israel. His mother, Mrs. Sarah Behari, now remarried, lives in Toronto.

He and his wife, Myra, have three children, Jason, 16, Robin, 12, and Tamara, 9, and they intend to move from Waterloo to Toronto at the appropriate stage in their children's education.

Project at Hebrew U honors Bora Laskin

TORONTO —
A fellowship honoring the late Justice Bora Laskin is being established by the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University at the suggestion of a number of prominent Canadian lawyers.

Laskin, former Chief Jutice of the Supreme Court of Canada, died last March.

"The fellowship project gives Canadians a chance to memorialize one of Canada's greatest jurists," said Dr. Gerald Halbert, national president of the Canadian Friends.

Halbert said the fellowship will be used to aid Israel's top legal scholars. "The fellowship is especially important to the university because of the financial crisis facing Israel. The crisis is hitting the universities especially hard, forcing them to reduce expenditures on young, untenured research and teaching staff."

Halbert noted that the fellowship is especially appropriate as a memorial because of Laskin's extensive involvement with the university.

In 1973, upon his appointment to the Supreme Court of Canada, the Canadian Friends established the Bora Laskin Chair of Law, which will be dedicated this year as part of the celebration of the university's 60th anniversary.

The fellowship project has already received the support of a large number of Canadian jurists, including Samuel Freedman, former chief justice of Manitoba.

The project will culminate in March, when Laskin's yahrtzeit is observed.

For more information, contact the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, Suite 208, 1 Yorkdale Rd., Toronto M6A 3A1; (416) 789-2633.

Bernard Shoub

Shoub gets top position

TORONTO —
The Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service has announced that Bernard Shoub was elected president of its 1984-85 executive committee at a recent meeting.

Also elected were Bill Stern, vice-president; Sheila Bellack, program chairperson; Selma Taylor, membership chairperson; Mona Brown, treasurer; Monty Mazin, secretary and public relations and publicity chairman; Sorele Urman, Howard Gertz and Dvora Danziger, members at large. Elliott Larman is the immediate past president.

The association, established in 1980, "seeks to present important issues in Jewish communal service; promote better understanding of the role of Jewish values, and promote a network of professionals in Jewish communal service so as to facilitate information sharing."

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Dec. 4	T'nach Study Group, Toronto Jewish Cultural Council; lecturer, Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, Book of Ezekiel. Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Dec. 5	Centre Stage Forum and David Troster Productions present "A History of the Jewish Community of Toronto's Spadina Avenue." St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E. Reserve seating 366,7723. 8 p.m.
Dec. 9	Youth Committee of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, children's concert for age 3 & up, featuring Kim Kowarsky of Toronto, and Bryna Bruder of Montreal. Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., 2:30 p.m. Tickets available at synagogue office. For information, 781-3511.
Dec. 9	Jewish Book Committee of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council presents "A Night of Jewish Reading," featuring Allan Fainer, Nathan Garnick, Danny Pe'er and narrated by Rabbi Irwin Witty. Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St., 8 p.m. For information, 635-2883, ext. 151.
Dec. 10	Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue presents "Canadian Jewish Communities in Literature," guest speaker, Miriam Waddington, 8:30 p.m., 100 Elder St.
Dec. 12	The Toronto Council of Hazzanim and the Reena Foundation present "Cantors in Concert," Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., 8 p.m. For ticket information, 781-3511.
Dec. 13	Jewish Public Library, public information evening, "Finding Your Way Into the World of Jewish Reading" by Rabbi Wolkenstein. 4600 Bathurst St., room 313, 8 p.m. For information, 635-2996.
Dec. 16	Yiddish Culture Council, Prof. Eugene Orenstein, Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., 8:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	T'nach Study Group, Toronto Jewish Cultural Council; lecturer Irving Matlow, Book of Ezekiel. Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.

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By
FRANK RASKY

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The book has been put together with loving care by a Mount Sinai Hospital cookbook committee, chaired by Susan Cohon and Joan Goldfarb and coordinated by Honey Rosenthal and Sylvia Naftolin.

Indeed, the recipes have been so intelligently selected (winnowed out from an original 1,000 compiled) that the entire committee deserves to take a bow.

They are: Edythe Abron, Michele Atlin, Fran Axmith, Yetta Bregman, Maureen Brown, Joyce Chapnick, Harriet Dennis, Eve Simbrow, Ruth Smith, Sandra Hausman.

Also, Elaine James, Dolly Kerzner, Sadie Lieff, Goldie Liverant, Pearl Litwin, Janet Roher, Sheila Rubinoff, Ruth Godfrey, Pearl Stone, Phyllis Wintraub and Bea Wolfe.

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½ cup natural bran
1 egg, beaten
Poppy seeds or sesame seeds

1. In large bowl, mix honey and water. Pour yeast on top and let stand 15 minutes or until bubbly.

2. Stir in 2 cups wholewheat flour. Add remaining ingredients. Knead until smooth and elastic.

3. Put in greased bowl, cover with damp towel, and allow to rise until doubled in bulk (about 1 - 1½ hours).

4. Punch down. Divide in half and shape into 2 loaves. Place into 2 9-inch x 5-inch x 3-inch loaf pans, greased with shortening. Allow to rise again until doubled in bulk, about 45 minutes.

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Hidden talents uncovered

Reena show pleases crowd

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

When Boy George and Diana Ross appeared on stage recently at the B'nai B'rith House, they had the crowd clapping and stomping their feet in delight.

Although not the real thing, the clients, staff and family members attending Reena Foundation's variety show were thrilled.

The show, the first of what Reena staff hopes to become an annual affair, featured the talents of clients and staff members as well as the Doris Fleishman Dance Troupe, a group of senior citizens.

The Reena Foundation, an organization started 11 years ago, runs eight group homes, a summer camp and various programs for Jewish mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed persons.

The brainchild of recreation staff member Sam Handler, the show gave participants a chance to show their hidden talents. Handler told The CJN that he was "amazed at how much fun everyone had during rehearsals.

When the Doris Fleishman Dance Troupe took the audience on a singing tour around the world with songs from such places as Mexico, England and Hawaii, everyone clapped and sang along.

The Reena Rockers with their tambourines and loud background rock music had members of the audience running up to the stage to join in the fun.

On a quieter note, the Reena Choir, conducted by Aileen McKenzie and accompanied by Doug Reed, sang a repertoire of songs that included Let Me Call You Sweetheart, Daisy Daisy and Western Star.

In addition, the audience heard a comedian, a piano and drum duo, and three singing solos, and watched a puppet show and a jazz dance.

When the entire cast came on stage for a curtain call, it was evident that the show had been a great success. Family members and friends cheered and waved at the performers.

Handler said after the performance that he was "very happy about all this fun and new-found talent. I can't wait to do it again."

Hospital project underway in Israel

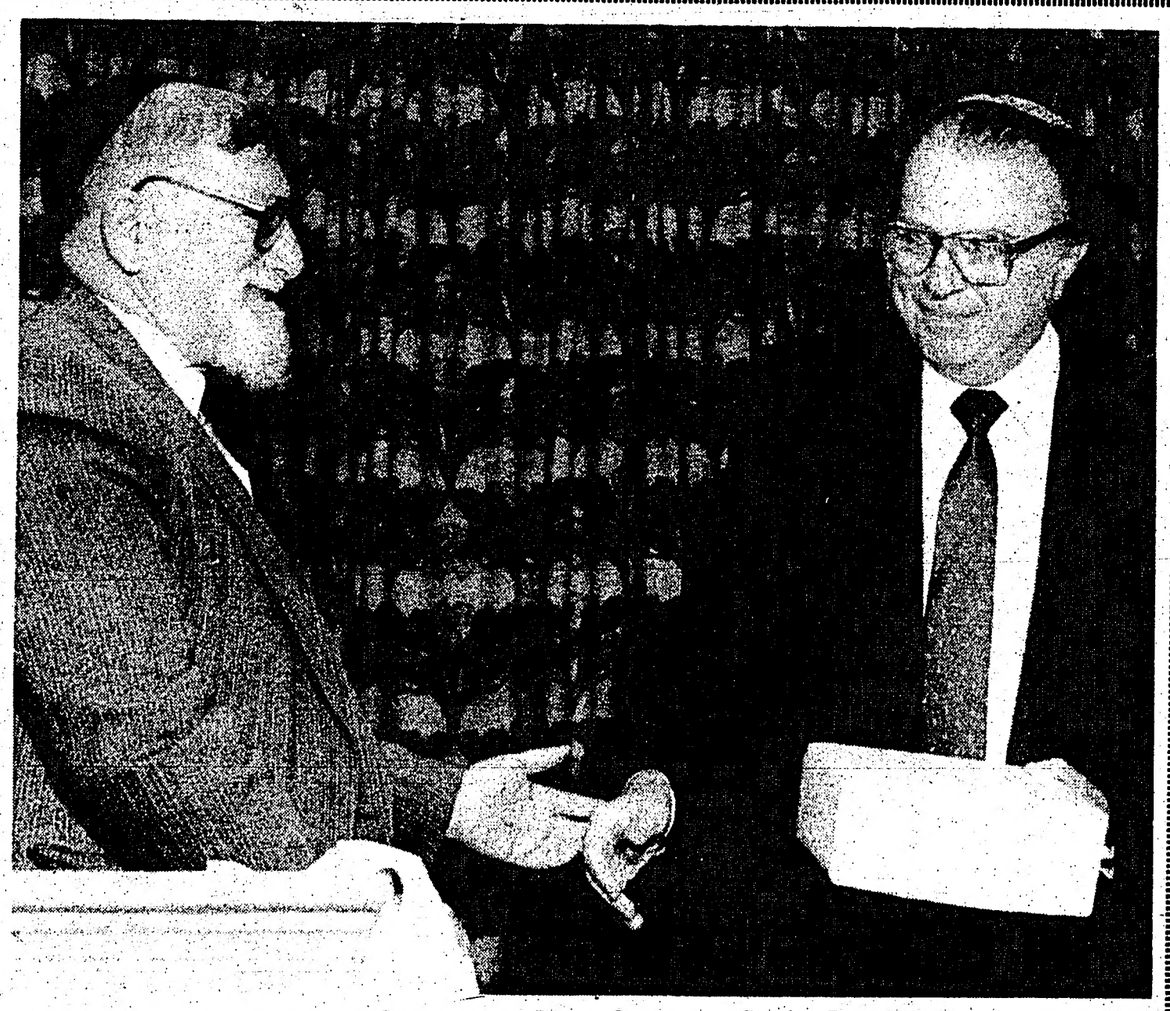
MONTREAL —

Construction began recently on the $12 million National Blood Services Centre on the grounds of Tel Hashomer Hospital in Ramat Gan, Canadian Red Magen David for Israel has announced. The facility will house the National Blood Bank and Fractionation Complex as well as the Magen David Adom National First-Aid School.

The project, funded by MDA support organizations in Canada, the United States, Britain and South Africa, will take about two years to complete.

Canada's role in the creation of this facility, in which the latest and best in medical technology will be incorporated, is being planned and prepared by Canadian Red Magen David for Israel's Blood Centre Committee, headed by Leon Jedeikin of Montreal.

The specific details of the blood centre campaign throughout Canada will be unveiled in the near future.



DR. DISENHOUSE HONORED

Dr. Robert B. Disenhouse, right, being presented with a gift by Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg on the occasion of his retirement after 10 years of service as chairman of the chaplaincy service, Toronto Jewish Congress.

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"We can't afford to be complacent"

Abella insists anti-semitism remains a problem

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

You may have come a long way, baby . . . but you've got a long way to go.

In two speeches on Canadian Jewry which shared this underlying theme, Prof. Irving Abella and Judge Rosalie Abella opened the women's division of the Council of Jewish Federations program recently.

An audience of 250 — 90% of them women — heard the prominent Toronto couple recount two chronicles of discrimination affecting Canadian Jews.

One was unique to Jews. Simply because they were Jewish, Prof. Abella said, Canada "could find no room in her bosom for even a handful of the tortured, doomed refugees fleeing Nazi Germany."

Abella is co-author of None Is Too Many, a history of Canada's reaction to the Holocaust.

He quoted from letters in the federal archives from would-be Jewish immigrants in 1940.

"At the present time," the standard government response attached to the desperate pleas read, "the Canadian government is not accepting Jews. Please try another country."

What distinguished Canadian anti-semitism before World War II, Abella claimed, is that it didn't emanate from cranks. It came, instead, from those in power, the government, the churches (especially the Catholic church in Quebec), the journalists.

"The Jews didn't fit into the Canadian concept of our society — a society of farmers and homesteaders. They were seen as a people with brains by a country that wanted people with brawn.

"The Jew was a symbol of a foreign culture and tradition which would undermine the cultural tradition of our society."

Even Canadian-born Jews found the professions, the universities, and the financial institutions of this country closed to them, so that many of them went to the U.S.

"But now, 40 years later, all seems different," Abella said. "Canadian Jews have taken their revenge." Where they once were barred, they are now chiefs of staff in hospitals, Supreme Court justices, ambassadors, financiers.

But Abella took little comfort from an apparently open Canadian society.

Referring to an upsurge in literature denying the Holocaust, distorted media coverage of the Lebanese war, and especially the Keegstra affair, he insisted that "anti-semitism is a problem — and not because we're paranoid.

"We cannot afford to be complacent. Somehow anti-semitism is linked to Jewish history, which seems it is as unpredictable as that history itself."

The type of discrimination Judge Rosalie Abella described was of a more general nature: discrimination against women.

But she put a Jewish twist on her account with her theory of the development of the Jewish princess.

European Jewish society — except in religion and education — was a matriarchy. Women were the main breadwinners "and the mainstay of the family."

But in North America, "we acculturated."

The men became the breadwinners — "and now the financially successful Jewish male got his chance to express his respect and admiration for his wife and daughters."

Jewish women must reassert their right to co-partnership, relying on their traditional role as income earners, she said.

Canadian family law as early as 1882 gave women the right to own property — but only if they had paid for it. But "the cult of domesticity" cut them out of the work force.

The law was changed in 1978, but "it will undoubtedly be years before the notion of spousal equality will permeate the labor force, Abella, presently chairman of the Labor Relations Board, said.

In describing a model for the future, she tied her theme to that of her husband as she told of a Polish Jewish lawyer — one of four admitted to a class of 100 — who lost a young child as well as the rest of his and his wife's families in the concentration camps.

Turned down by Canada as a potential immigrant because "legal skills were not considered skills Canada needed," he finally arrived in this country in 1950, after qualifying as a men's underwear cutter and a shepherd.

Still unable to practice law, he prospered as an insurance agent.

"He loved Canada for the opportunity to raise his two daughters — one of whom stands before you — full of gratitude and more than a little overwhelmed by the opportunity to make her contribution," Abella concluded, her voice breaking and tears in her eyes.

Theme chosen for Youth Year

TORONTO —

In recognition of 1985 as International Youth Year, the Ontario government's Community Justice Week next year will focus on the theme Justice and Youth — A Community Challenge, Provincial Secretary for Justice Gord Walker announced recently.

Community Justice Week — to be held April 14-20 — will be coordinated by the provincial secretariat for justice and will promote public awareness about justice rights, responsibilities and services, Walker said.

The justice secretariat is encouraging youth-oriented community groups to undertake special displays, workshops, open houses and public forums on youth-related issues such as family violence, child abuse, drinking and driving, breaking and entering, vandalism, shoplifting and the new young offenders legislation.

Walker said plans for next year's justice week were being announced in response to many requests from community groups that are now beginning to prepare their activities. He said communities wishing to participate in Community Justice Week or wanting more information can contact Richard Bradley, Provincial Secretariat for Justice, Queen's Park, Toronto, M7A 1A2 or telephone (416) 965-2821.

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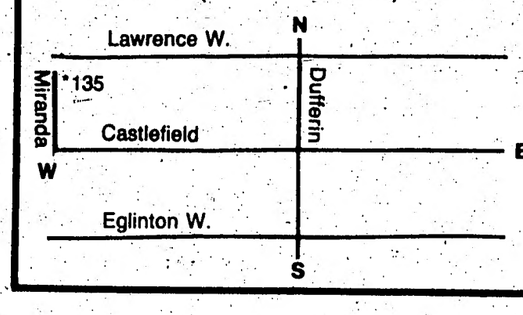

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Not allowed to emigrate

Carr calls for vigorous effort to aid Syrian Jews

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

The plight of Syrian Jewry must be put on the agenda of every Jewish community, Judy Feld Carr told 150 delegates to the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly, held recently in Toronto.

"As citizens of Canada and the United States, we must urge, we must implore the Canadian minister of external affairs and the American secretary of state to press the Assad government on humanitarian grounds to lift its repressive regulations and permit its Jewish citizens to leave," Feld Carr said.

Feld Carr, chairman of the national task force on Syrian Jewry of the Canadian Jewish Congress is known internationally for her efforts to help Jews to leave Syria.

The Dr. Ronald Feld fund for Jews in Arab Lands of the Beth Tzedec Congregation (Toronto), named for her late first husband, raises money to help Syrian Jews maintain their religious identity. For example, the fund supplies prayer shawls and tefillin for bar mitzvahs.

Feld Carr told the delegates that Syria is the only Arab country that does not allow its Jews to emigrate. Within Syria they are subject to a wide range of restrictive regulations, ranging from laws that prevent them from converting property into cash to Muslim control of their schools.

They are policed by a special Jewish branch of the army security section, and are arrested and tortured if they attempt to escape, according to reports received by Feld Carr.

The official Syrian explanation for refusing emigration is that Jews who leave would join the Israeli army.

"That is absurd," Feld Carr said. "There is only a small population left, many of whom are women."

She described a number of harrowing escapes by Syrian Jews. In the case of one family, the three eldest sons who attempted to leave on their own were caught and imprisoned for two months.

In their prison cell, they met a Jew from Damascus — Maurice Nuzeri — who had appeared in an interview with CBS reporter Mike Wallace.

In the interview, which was denounced by Jewish organizations active on behalf of Syrian Jewry, Nuzeri said that Syrian Jews were not subject to harrassment.

"Nuzeri was so comfortable in Syria," Feld Carr remarked, "that a few months after the interview he attempted to escape." Now released from prison, Nuzeri is still in Damascus, according to Feld Carr.

The three young men who shared his cell, their three younger brothers and their parents are now out of Syria. But the eldest had been tortured to the point where he is now an epileptic, Feld Carr said.

Since the Lebanese War, escape routes through Lebanon have been closed off, so efforts to help Syrian Jews leave must focus on the arduous process of obtaining legal exit visas, Feld Carr said.

"The Jewish community of Syria is sustained by two things, religion and hope," she continued.

They also live in fear that President Hafez Assad will be replaced by the Moslem Brotherhood.

"They have everything to fear from a fanatical Moslem government — including fear for their lives," Feld Carr said.

The rescue of Syrian Jews is "holy work," she concluded. "It is pidyon hashevuim — the redemption of the captives."

Police warn Metro seniors against thieves

TORONTO —

Police are warning senior citizens about thieves who have victimized several seniors in Metro during the past few weeks.

In these incidents, the senior citizen was at home alone when he or she was approached by two or three women, one of whom appeared elderly. Entrance was then gained to the senior's home on the pretext of the elderly woman being ill, needing to use the washroom or requesting a glass of water.

Once inside, the victim was engaged in lengthy conversation in a remote area of the house by the younger woman. Meanwhile, the older woman, who was thought to be in the washroom, was in another part of the home stealing personal effects and jewelry. The loss was usually discovered by the victim afterwards.

Police are urging citizens not to admit strangers to their homes. Doors should be kept locked, and if strangers appear at the door asking to use the telephone, offer to place the call for them. If the visitor claims to be there on business, demand identification and call the company office for verification.

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David Hart co-chairs Temple's committee

Inter-faith award surprises modest recipient

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

As a teenager, David Hart can remember attending a drama festival at a church with the late Rabbi Maurice Eisenrath of Holy Blossom Temple. The festival included plays dealing with prejudice and discrimination.

Now, at age 61, Hart is the recipient of a signal honor in inter-faith relations, the Claude Uzielli Award of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto.

"I was taken aback when I heard of the award," he told The CJN recently. "I look upon it as an award to Holy Blossom Temple, rather than to me personally."

Hart is co-chairman of the Temple's inter-faith committee.

"The rabbi and staff, the board and its officers have given me a healthy budget for the committee's work, and many members take an active part," he said.

The award is to be presented to Hart by Cardinal Emmett Carter at the 37th annual anniversary and awards banquet of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, at the Royal York Hotel, Feb. 13.

Looking back on 20 years of inter-faith activity, Hart said: "Things have changed. Toronto is a totally different city. We're making more friends all the time, but we have a long, long way to go."

One of the new projects undertaken by the Temple in which he is much involved is a 1-day Clergy Institute in March next year at which some 100-150 clergy are expected to attend and which, it is hoped, will become an annual affair. The Institute will discuss "A Biblical and Modern Technological View of Covenant," with Rabbi Michael Stroh speaking on the biblical view and Rabbi Dow Marmur dealing with a modern view.

Hart said about 500 non-Jewish people a year attend Friday night services at Holy Blossom Temple. They include high school students, confirmation classes, church-based adult groups, community college students studying comparative religions, and students

David Hart

from theological colleges. For years one high school teacher brought a busload of students annually from the Belleville-Picton area.

These visitors are invited to come a half-hour before the service for a question-and-answer session, they join in the Oneg Shabbat and are presented with a book, Basic Judaism.

"Most have never been to a synagogue service before," Hart said. "We've had beautiful letters of thanks from many young people."

One of the projects in which Hart plays an active leadership role is the annual dialogue series between Holy Blossom members and a Christian congregation in the Metro area, held between January and April each year.

It starts with a day at the church and at Temple, with a keynote address in each case by the minister or rabbi. The day includes a service, a question - and - answer period, lunch, and a discussion of the keynote address.

A total of 24 people from Temple and 24 from the church then split into four groups of 12 to meet every two weeks at the home of one of the group members to pursue a subject of their choice, which usually comes out of the earlier sessions.

It is at this point, Hart observes, that the minister and rabbi "are invited to stay away," and let the lay people go ahead on their own.

At the meeting in the private homes, a 15-minute presentation is made on the subject, with the help of resource people from the church or Temple.

There is wide variety in the topics studied. They have included Holocaust, Israel, abortion, anti-semitism, and prejudice in the workplace.

The home-to-home series ends just before Easter and Passover and the dialogue ends with a demonstration seder at Holy Blossom in which about 90 people take part. The seder is a most effective addition to the dialogue series, Hart said, because he considers the seder one of Judaism's best teaching tools.

The Claude Uzielli Award was first presented in 1982 to MP Rev. Roland de Corneille. Hart, who is on the CJDT board as one of the representatives of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, is the second winner of the award.

Hart, an engineer, is car stereo manager of S. H. Parker Co., an electronics firm on Lesmill Rd. a graduate of University of Toronto, he took his first job with Dominion Bridge in Montreal.

His wife, Margaret, is active in inter-faith work of Temple, as is their son, Murray, a lawyer, and his wife, Jill. Another son, Ronald, is program director at the Fred Victor Mission, the United Church house for men on Jarvis St.

A third son, Allan, is a student at York University.

The Harts have one grandson, Aaron Hart.

Hebrew U conference "beyond expectations"

MEXICO CITY —

Dr. Gerald Halbert, national president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, said last month's 4-day conference of the university's international support organization was successful beyond his wildest expectations.

He said Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid's warm embrace of the Hebrew University was extremely significant politically. De la Madrid had addressed the opening session of the conference of Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, hailing the friendship of Israel and the university for his country.

"The conference was a demonstration of strong, committed support for Israel and the Hebrew University from all the countries of the hemisphere," Halbert said.

While conference events revolved around the Hebrew University Friends and officials in attendance, a large number of academic, scientific and public contacts took place between university professors and Mexican academics, including a symposium of Hebrew University and Mexican scientists.

Russell McKinney, Canada's ambassdor to Mexico, was also a conference participant. He spoke at a banquet organized by the Canadian Friends.

McKinney said he was pleased to see a large number of Canadians supporting an institution as important as the Hebrew University.

The Torontonians at the conference included Halbert and his wife Tootsie, immediate past national president Dr. Ralph Halbert and his wife Roz, Toronto Chapter president Jack Hauer and his wife Amy, international board of governors member Berta Lunenfeld, Allen and Noreen Rose, and Abby and Simmie Beker.

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Nervous Richler has problem answering questions

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

For author Mordecai Richler, fielding edged questions at the recent Toronto Jewish Book Fair was more like Home Sour Home than the title of his new book of memoirs, Home Sweet Home (McClelland and Stewart, $19.95).

Sipping a styrofoam cup of scotch to fortify himself and puffing a cigar nervously, the literary champion of Montreal's St. Urbain St. read aloud a chapter of the book, describing how his late Orthodox Lubavitcher father had virtually disowned him for marrying two Gentile girls.

"Well, why did you marry those shiksas?" a woman in the audience demanded belligerently.

"Hmm . . . um . . .," said Richler. "Because I loved them."

"Couldn't you find yourself some nice Jewish girls to marry?" persisted another woman.

Richler gulped his scotch. "Hmm . . . Um . . .," he mumbled meekly, definitely not in Duddy Kravitz-like fashion. "Next question?"

He was asked to comment on the often-repeated criticism that his portrait of the nervy, street-smart hustler in The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz was a simplistic, anti-semitic caricature.

"Well, I don't think so," Richler defended himself. "Duddy was based on a lot of people I grew up with. Some were coarse and some were abrasive. I was just trying to tell how it was."

Why didn't he ever come right out with it and call himself a Jewish Canadian writer?

"Well, I'm a Jewish writer and a Canadian writer," he acknowledged. "But since I'm also a serious writer, I don't believe in categorizing myself. It's difficult enough to try to be an honest witness and get it right."

Did he think that Jewish Canadian writers other than himself could make a decent living out of such a precarious business?

"You don't become a writer with the expectation of leaning on government grants," he said. "Nor should you. The government doesn't owe you anything. Nobody forces you to be a writer. You go into it because you can't help yourself. I myself had originally wanted to be a baseball player."

Wouldn't he have welcomed a government grant in his early days when he was struggling to become a writer and dependent on articles for Maclean's?

"Maclean's has nothing to do with writing one way or the other," he snapped. "Next question?"

"What's going to happen to the Jews of Montreal?" somebody wanted to know.

"The population there has shrunk from 115,000 to a figure in the 90,000s and I believe it's going to continue diminishing." He jutted out his jaw pugnaciously.

"But if you want my opinion, it's still the most civilized city in Canada, and the only place where I enjoy living."

"If your father were alive today, do you think he'd approve of what you've written about him?"

Richler took another gulp of his scotch. "Hmm . . . um . . .," he mumbled hesitantly. "I hope so."

The applause as he sat down was restrained.

Mordecai Richler...definitely not Duddy Kravitz.

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Zacks' works at York

TORONTO —

An exhibition of paintings by the late Samuel J. Zacks will be presented at a special opening on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 12 noon, in the Samuel J. Zacks Gallery, Stong College, York University.

At the opening, Helen Orr, a 3rd year faculty of fine arts student from St. Catharines who specializes in design, will receive a scholarship named for Zacks from Ayala Zacks Abramov. Canadian sculptor Sorel Etrog and Stong College Master Hedi Bouraoui will also be present.

The exhibition, which continues through Dec. 14, provides a glimpse at work Zacks painted solely for his own entertainment. It includes landscapes and portraits of masks.

The gallery opened in 1972 to honor Zacks, a collector and benefactor of art who died in 1970. He and his wife Ayala made major donations to many Canadian cultural institutions, most notably a large private collection of paintings, drawings and sculpture by Picasso, Matisse and Rodin, given to the Art Gallery of Ontario.

York's Samuel J. Zacks Gallery is described by a university spokesman as "a learning gallery where works of art are presented in an atmosphere conducive to exploration."

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Israel in Egypt oratorio comes to Roy Thomson Hall

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Elmer Iseler leads TSO-Mendelssohn Choir.

The most extensive serious Jewish-content music endeavor of 1984 in Toronto — the Toronto Symphony-Toronto Mendelssohn Choir's joint production of what is considered to be one of Handel's greatest oratorios, Israel in Egypt — is being presented this week at Roy Thomson Hall.

Soloist Lynn Blaser, soprano, Sandra Graham, mezzo-soprano, Mark du Bois, tenor, Mark Pedrotti, baritone, and bass John Dodington join the Mendelssohn Choir and the TSO under Dr. Elmer Iseler in "the most gigantic effort ever made in the oratorio," according to celebrated French music critic/historian Romain Rolland.

Handel wrote Israel in Egypt three years before The Messiah, placing an even greater emphasis on the chorus which resulted in an overwhelming dramatic impact and what famed British writer-historian Donald Francis Tovey hailed as the greatest of all Handel choruses: The people shall hear and be afraid.

Also different from Messiah is the use of a narrator whose recitatives explain what is to take place: the Israelites lament their bondage in Egypt, the Ten Plagues, the passage through the Red Seas, the Israelites' jubilation, concluding with the Song of Moses.

Tickets to this rare performance are available at the TSO box office or by calling 766-3271.

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It's too bad that CBC-FM's radio series on Kurt Weill's American phase takes place on Friday nights. Furthermore, while Tom Kneebone does mention that Weill was the son of a cantor, no mention is given to the fact that one of the very first endeavors upon which he and Lotte Lenya embarked in New York upon arrival in 1933 as refugees from Hitler was a large Jewish heroic pageant, The Way of the Promise, scripted by Franz Werfel and staged by Max Reinhardt.

Are these shortcomings an oversight? One would like to think so, even though most standard biographies of Weill, and Lotte Lenya herself, prominently mentioned the Jewish pageant.

The CBC radio biography, being otherwise comprehensively authoritative (with, to its credit, mention of Weill's post war visit to Eretz Israel to see his parents who made aliya from Berlin) however, in all spirit of fairness and accuracy, should have mentioned the pageant.

To have mentioned the fact that Kurt Weill, collaborator with the major Black poet of the 1940s, Langston Hughes, and composer of the first theatrical work denouncing the evils of apartheid, Lost in the Stars, was also demonstrably proudly Jewish during the Holocaust period, would have been an effective rebuke against the parroting of the Soviet-Arab Zionism-racism canard by today's new left which influences major pop-entertainment journals such as the Village Voice. To not mention this fact, therefore, results in an incomplete portrayal of the mind of Kurt Weill.

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Mainly Mozart 84, directed by David Miller and featuring the Orford String Quartet, Rivka Golani, Moshe Hammer, Elmer Iseler and many others, takes place at Roy Thomson Hall Dec. 1-2.

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Youth peer-pressure is the theme of Judy Silver's Rubber Chickens, with songs by Jeff King, at Leah Posluns Theatre Dec. 2-13.

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Bravo to the performers of Bravo Broadway, which played to a large audience at Minkler Auditorium Nov. 18. All five performers in this New York-based nightclub revue, but especially Margaret Leser and lead-director Michael LaRocca, put all their effort plus more into a tightly-paced enjoyably-lively staging.

Less enthusiasm is due to the choice of material. True, contemporary Broadway lacks the lustre of the golden era of 1910-68. But still, more melodic recent numbers such as Don't Cry for me Argentina, Aquarius — Let the Sunshine In and selections from Nine could have supplanted today's biggest Broadway hits rather than such forgettable numbers as one from I Love My Wife.

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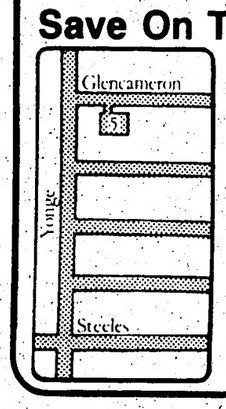

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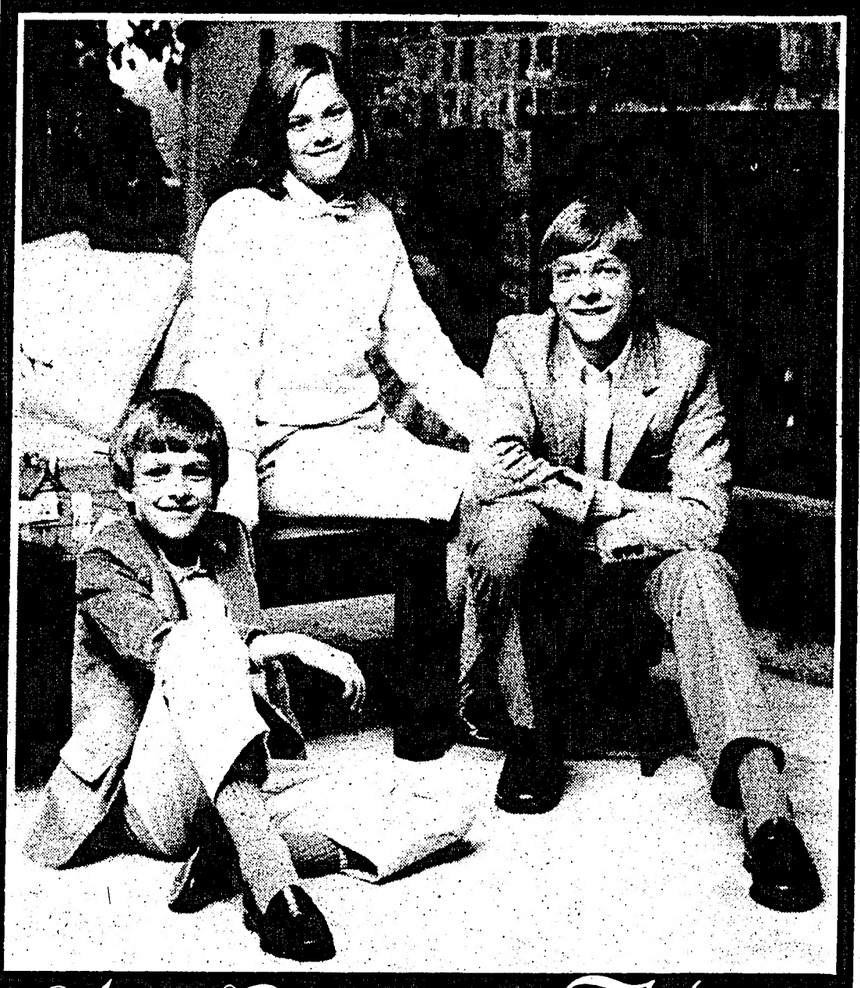

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Sculptor's work a joyous expression

Flamingo bronze by Victor Halvani

By HILARY HORLOCK

TORONTO —

When you gaze at the sculpture of Victor Halvani it is not an inanimate object of bronze which you see, it is a joyous expression of movement. Each piece radiates motion with elegant, freeflowing lines and uncomplicated construction.

"People love my work because it is all emotion. Everything I do is filled by spirit. It is minimum art because there is only one thought and that is motion," said Halvani during a recent interview at the Art Expo Toronto show held in the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre.

An Israeli professor of art for more than 30 years, Halvani was responsible for the establishment of the department of medical art at the University of Haifa. His work is on display throughout Israel and he recently exhibited at Art Expo New York. He is one of only 50 exhibitors invited to display his work at Art Expo Tokyo in 1985.

Halvani's work is best described as a spiritual or emotional expression of an abstract thought. His sculpture of a flamingo is a good example of his love for freeflowing lines which suggest movement but only hint at physical form.

"The flamingo begins at the head and flows to the tail, without any wings — nothing. It gives all the dimension and motion of the flamingo, but it does not depend on the physical form of the bird to do so."

His major source of inspiration is the Bible, which he maintains is relevant for all ages even in our century of high technology. To prove his point, Halvani is currently at work on a new project that reinterprets the Bible in relation to our society of technology and projects God's message to the edge of space.

"I was born in the century of technology, but my thoughts come from the Bible, so in my art I try to combine the two. I try to see the future of technology and the Bible in a way that others don't see. This is a new idea in art — it is my future in art, to do projects which connect the future with the past. It comes after 30 years in sculpture searching for new ideas," Halvani said.

In an exclusive preview for The Canadian Jewish News, he displayed photographs of his work in progress.

Halvani chose the sacrifice of Isaac for his first space age interpretation of the Bible. Aerodynamic abstract figures of Isaac, Abraham and the donkey almost resemble fanciful interpretations of space ships.

He has taken photographs of the desert location of the sacrifice and superimposed the space age figures on them in different groupings to represent the various stages of the sacrifice.

The effect is surreal, but even though it was only rough plaster casts of the final bronze figures with which Halvani was working, one could catch a glimpse of the message that religion and technology are not incomparable. It is an idea which shows much promise.

Musical comedy looks at issue of peer pressure

TORONTO —

What happens when a group of cliquish teenagers shuts out their peers from their "in group?"

Do the excluded teens fight like mad to get into the group, or withdraw into their own interests and pretend they just don't care?

Those are some of the "grown up" issues of peer pressure and group dynamics The Leah Posluns Theatre School will tackle in their upcoming production of They don't make rubber chickens like they used to... The show runs from Dec. 2-13 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St.

Featuring a teenage cast of 13, the musical comedy is a family show, with particular interest to children aged 7-15.

Jennifer Lokash plays one of three leads — Lara, the popular leader of the clique, while Andrew Miller and Stephanie Rogerson play the two teens who react in their own ways to being shut out of the group.

Rubber Chickens is written and directed by Judy Silver, who has adapted The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, The Magician's Nephew, Alice and the Point in the past. She has taught at the Leah Posluns Theatre School for seven years and is an actress in her own right.

The music and lyrics are by Jeff King, who has collaborated with Silver on past productions. Viewers can expect upbeat, contemporary music influenced by Broadway musicals and nouveau rock.

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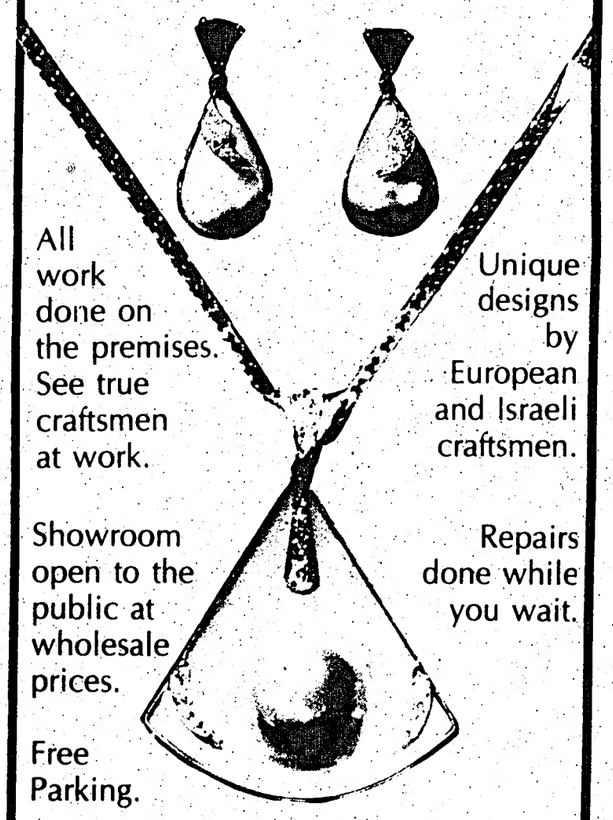

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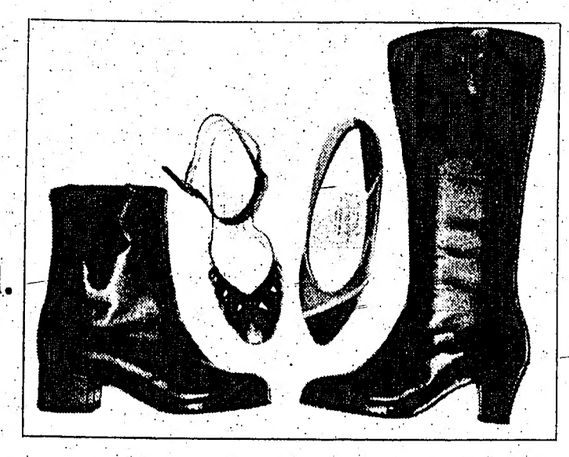

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Arts

Turns Uncle Jacob into legendary figure

Author again proves his abilities as modern fabulist

By
SHARON DRACHE

Uncle Jacob's Ghost Story, by Donn Kushner. Macmillan of Canada, $14.95 (cloth).

Every family has an eccentric relative — so different from the rest of the family that he or she is labeled a black sheep. With this idea in mind, Donn Kushner has taken his fictional great Uncle Jacob, turning him into a bona fide legendary figure.

Kushner, author of the award-winning Violin Maker's Gift (Canadian Librarian Association's Book of the Year Award for Children, 1980), once again has proved his abilities as a modern fabulist.

The legend is told to Paul, age 10, by his grandfather and his roommate in an old folk's home, Mr. Eisbein. A deliberate play between the telling of the story and the story told provides reality for what is indeed miraculous.

The three, sitting on the park bench by the river outside the home, parallel the three main characters in the story. Paul is the anchor, but he has another role. One day, he will write the story down, which is another way of saying he means to keep in touch with his past, a Jewish one.

However, outside of the setting where the story begins, in Niekapowisko, a small village in Eastern Poland near the Russian border, there is little Jewish content that is open. Instead, facts and ideas are masked in metaphor, for Uncle Jacob, first and foremost, was a dreamer. He was also a rationalist and an idealist but he didn't spend his hours studying Talmud like most of his fellow male villagers. He was a lazy, impractical person.

Perhaps that is why he was drawn to the town's thespians — brother and sister Simon and Esther — who, like Jacob, were unusual. Not only did they create their own plays on an impromptu basis, they always tried to affect some passersby, preferably someone in distress.

They would invent a word which could help the person. But they never knew until after they said the word if it would work. Still, they had an amazing success rate.

Now, the question arises: were their miracles the result of their dramatic abilities or was there something more? Magic? The supernatural?

Jacob was sent to the front during the Russo-Japanese war. When his sergeant told him to shoot, he said, "Are you crazy? there are people out there."

He returned to Niekapowisko after the war to find that his best friends, Simon and Esther, had died during a typhus epidemic which had struck their village. Since most of his relatives were already in America, having left to escape pogroms, Jacob decided to go too.

But he left with a heavy heart for his friends Simon and Esther had longed to go to America to act on Broadway.

When he landed on Ellis Island he was met by relatives who insisted on finding jobs for him — three, before they would leave him be: in a candy shop, on a chicken farm and in a lumber business. Each proved unsatisfactory but the stint on the chicken farm was disastrous. Jacob decided to help his cousin Moishe, who was a bit of a simpleton, to free the chickens.

Indeed this is a story about freedom, the promise of America. For Jacob personally, it meant owning a newsstand in Times Square. He sold newspapers from all over the world to all kinds of people. He liked to watch the people go by, to chat and offer them a cup of tea from his samovar on a chilly day.

Kushner's description of Times Square is colorful and authentic. We easily step back into the street life of the day.

Jacob became a well known figure in Times Square before a series of strange happenings occurred, caused by a group of three dancers who entertained people waiting to get into the theatre. Two of the dancers were human or seemed to be but the third was a mannequin which they manipulated — one of three mannequins which had been stolen from Macy's window, Jacob discovered.

He was also amazed to find they used a word trick similar to the one his friends, Simon and Esther, used in Niekapowisko, causing especially good things to happen to the beggars in Times Square.

The dancers have an agent, Mr. Spangler, no ordinary man, but a messenger from a higher realm. The two dancers seem to hail from the same place.

Jacob soon learned that the dancers were his old friends. Their touching reunion took place on a boat ride to the Statue of Liberty. Jacob had always loved Esther and on this trip he told her so. She invited him to join her and Simon in their world. A few days later, Jacob accompanied her by freezing to death in his stand.

Donn Kushner

Why does Kushner use the device of ghosts to tell his story? The reason seems to be a deep desire to create the kind of detail that will make history come alive. Getting inside the story of Great Uncle Jacob results in a wealth of characters, a rich sense of time and place. A fanciful yarn by a masterful storyteller.

While this book is advertised for children 10 and up, it is for all ages. Particularly, it's the kind of book we would like to see our teenagers reading.

Plenty happening during Book Month

TORONTO —

Meyer Feldman, chairman of the Jewish Book Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, says that national and local observances of Jewish Book Month are now in full swing and will go through to Dec. 18.

A creative writing contest has been instituted for the Jewish schools of the province, encouraging the use of Jewish books. Winners of last year's contest received their prizes at a recent education conference sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress in Hamilton.

There is one institution where Jewish Book Month goes on every month — the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, located in the Lipa Green Building at 4600 Bathurst St.

At 8 p.m. on Dec. 13 in Room 313 of the building, the Library will conduct a public information evening on the subject, Finding Your Way into the World of Jewish Reading. The essential categories of Jewish reading will be defined and a private reading program encompassing many of the main volumes in each area will be recommended. "Whatever one's interest in Jewish book, the evening should help cut a coherent path among the library's nearly 40,000 volumes," say library officials.

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By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Author Shirley Kumove describes the importance of Yiddish with a folk saying from her newly published book:

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Through laughter and tears, Yiddish sayings have been passed down from generation to generation. They explained, taught and eased the suffering and pain inflicted on European Jews during the last five centuries.

Kumove's Words Like Arrows contains more than 2,400 Yiddish sayings and is permeated with her love for mameloshen.

The book, with the title taken from the saying "A vort iz ve a fayl — beyde hobn groyse ayl" (A word and an arrow are the same — both deliver with speedy aim), is the first volume in a series to be published with the 7,000 sayings Kumove has collected, catalogued, verified and translated.

The tall, winsome, 53-year-old writer, who dropped out of Harbord Collegiate when she was 16, calls herself a "self-taught" person. She is currently executive director of United Synagogue of America Ontario Region.

What can more aptly describe a shlemazel, Kumove says, than, Ven a shlemazl zol handlen mit shirems volt oyfgehert tsu regen, volt er gehandlt mit likht volt di zun nit untergegangen un ven er zol handlen mit takhrikhim voln mentshn oyfgehert tsu shtarbn." (If a shlimazl sold umbrellas it would stop raining; if he sold candles, the sun would never set and if he dealt in shrouds, people would stop dying.)

And of course, Jews are always giving advice. What better way can you tell someone to "mind your own business" than: "Az tsvey lign oyf eyn kishn zol a driter nisht misn tsvishn." (When two on a pillow are fixed, a third should not mix "twixt".)

Kumove's delightful collection of Yiddish bon mots encompasses subjects from the simple to complex philosophy, spanning every life cycle stage from birth to death.

What makes her 8-year effort especially appealing is that everyone can read it. It is in translated Yiddish with English translation. And the book includes 50 illustrations by Candian artist Frank Newfeld.

Kumove says Words Like Arrows did not come about easily. It was rejected by dozens of publishers, and it was only thanks to the efforts of Dr. Ron Schoeffel of the Modern Languages department at the University of Toronto Press that the book is now available, she says.

"It is ironic that a non-Jew can be credited for making it happen," she says. "And after publication by the University of Toronto Press, Shocken Books of New York, who originally turned down the manuscript, will be publishing the American edition this spring."

Kumove gives special credit to Ben Kayfetz, who recently retired from the Canadian Jewish Congress, for his advice in steering her to the multicultural department of the federal government. "They awarded me a grant which went toward the publication costs," she said.

Words Like Arrows is available in all major book stores and at $19.95 makes a special Chanukah gift for young and old alike.

Shirley Kumove, author of Words Like Arrows, a collection of Yiddish folk sayings.

Titillating thriller uses humor to break tension

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Fatal Attraction is a titillating thriller with a bagful of artful tricks.

Playing at the St. Lawrence Centre until Dec. 8, Fatal Attraction is Bernard Slade's latest production. He, of course, is known for such Broadway hits as Same Time, Next Year, Tribute and Romantic Comedy.

Slade's forte is comedy, but in Fatal Attraction he is dealing with a completely different genre — the thriller. Does he make the transition successfully? Thanks to a clever story line, he does.

The plot, which threatens to become convoluted at times, revolves around a famous actress, Blair Griffin (Dawn Wells), and a Colombo-type gumshoe, Gus Braden (Ken Howard).

Blair, for reasons unknown, has retired to an east coast country house, having left her children in Los Angeles. Tony Lombardi (Tony Noll), a seedy photo journalist, intrudes on her life by murdering her estranged husband, Morgan Richards (Robin Ward).

In comes Gus Braden, with his mismatched socks and lazy manner, to solve the crime. Braden is no ordinary policeman, his sloppy sartorial habits aside. The author of a critically acclaimed mystery, he has intellectual pretensions.

The tension in Fatal Attraction, which is produced by Toby Tarnow and J. P. Linton, is the result of the verbal fencing between Gus and Blair, who is nothing if not charmingly manipulative.

When Gus, in his shambling way, puts two and two together and prepares to clap Blair into custody, she rolls out her feminine charms and enlists him in a scheme which will benefit both of them.

Just when you think the situation has been resolved, Slade stops dead in his tracks and turns the whole thing around.

Slade has a knack for using wry humor to break Fatal Attraction's tense, Gothic moments, so that a viewer can simultaneously enjoy and poke fun at some of his conceits.

The performers, happily enough, do not let him down. Dawn Wells practically carries the play with her wit and intelligence, and Ken Howard grows on you as the night wears on.

Fatal Attraction, which had its world premiere here, is bound to be exported to Broadway. Judging by the reaction of the audience, it is already a huge success.

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Arts

Ancient monarch gets best story in Bible

A lively King David comes to life in God Knows

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

God Knows, By Joseph Heller. Random House of Canada, $23.

How are we to assess David? He is slayer of the mighty Goliath, sweet singer of Israel, murderer of Uriah the Hittite and possessor of his wife Bathsheba, and a tragic figure, inconsolable at the loss of his beloved son.

For Joseph Heller, David is all of these and more — but also a comic hero whose style and outlook are part Woody Allen and part Mel Brooks. It takes time to come to terms with this new David — wisecracking, lusty, rambunctious, foul-mouthed.

On his deathbed, the 70-year-old king, engaged in a stand-off battle with the Lord, looks back on his event-filled career. "I've had a full, long life haven't I? You can look it up in Samuel I and II Kings . . . I don't like to boast but I think we got the best story in the Bible."

Heller provides a midrash, or running commentary, to the king's astonishing revelations, embroidering them with new information, outrageous asides, hilarious anachronisms. It becomes a kind of vaudeville enterprise filled with humor, inventiveness and surprising parallels.

At one point David complains: "Some Promised Land. The honey was there, but the milk we brought in with our goats. To people in California, God gives a magnificent coastline, a movie industry, and Beverly Hills. To us He gives sand. To Cannes He gives a plush film festival. We got the PLO."

His son Solomon, traditionally the wisest of men, is depicted as a dolt and dimwit who really wanted to cut the baby in half in the famous biblical episode, in order to show his fairness.

David's troubles with his numerous wives provides ample material for comedy — from sexy Bathsheba who invents underwear to make women more attractive to men, and who constantly nags David to proclaim her son Solomon the next king, to haughty Michal who is depicted as the original Jewish American princess. "I am the first in the Old Testament to be stuck with one."

Many-sided story of biblical hero

Taking advantage of Philistine superstition that madness is contagious, David made his way to the court of the King of Gath in order to escape from Saul: "I pulled out all the stops. Plunging toward the flaggergasted monarch, I dropped to one knee, grasped his hand in one of mine, and spread my other over my chest in a manner denoting unbearably deep feeling, and I opened wide my jaws as though to go further with my song. Achish pulled back from me as though I were leprous.

"He bounded out of his throne with a yelp, and I followed as he retreated backward in horror . . . Achish squealed and whimpered in panic each time I made a motion toward him with my arms outspread as though I were ambitious to afflict him fatally with something catching."

Following the biblical account with surprising fidelity, and obviously impressed with its grandeur, Heller provides new insights to the many-sided story of a king not unacquainted with sorrow.

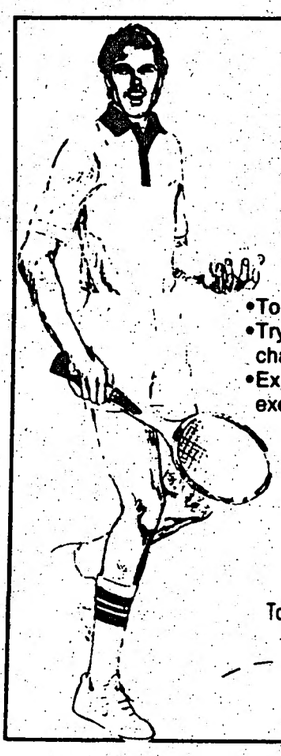
He was a traitor to faithful Uriah and lived to see his own army turn against him.

His beloved son Absalom murdered his brother Amnon and led a rebellion against his father.

David laments, "When he was small, my son, he wouldn't let me sleep, now he wouldn't let me live."

Has David's poignant cry of grief for his son ever been equalled? "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee? O Absalom, my son, my son!"

God Knows is a mishmash of parody, farce, and verbal inventivness, an ingenious meshing of familiar narrative and Yiddish/English contemporary idiom. But 350 pages of this kind of shtick is too much and long before the book's end the material becomes cloying. Go figure!



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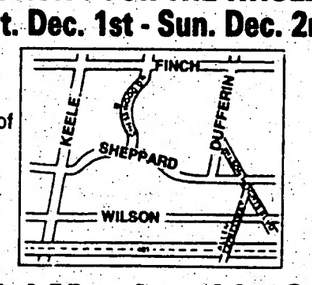

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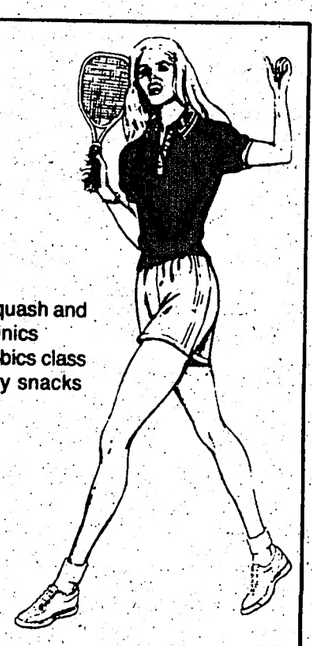

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Magnet for tourists, investors

Barbados Jewish population dates back 300 years

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

BRIDGETOWN —

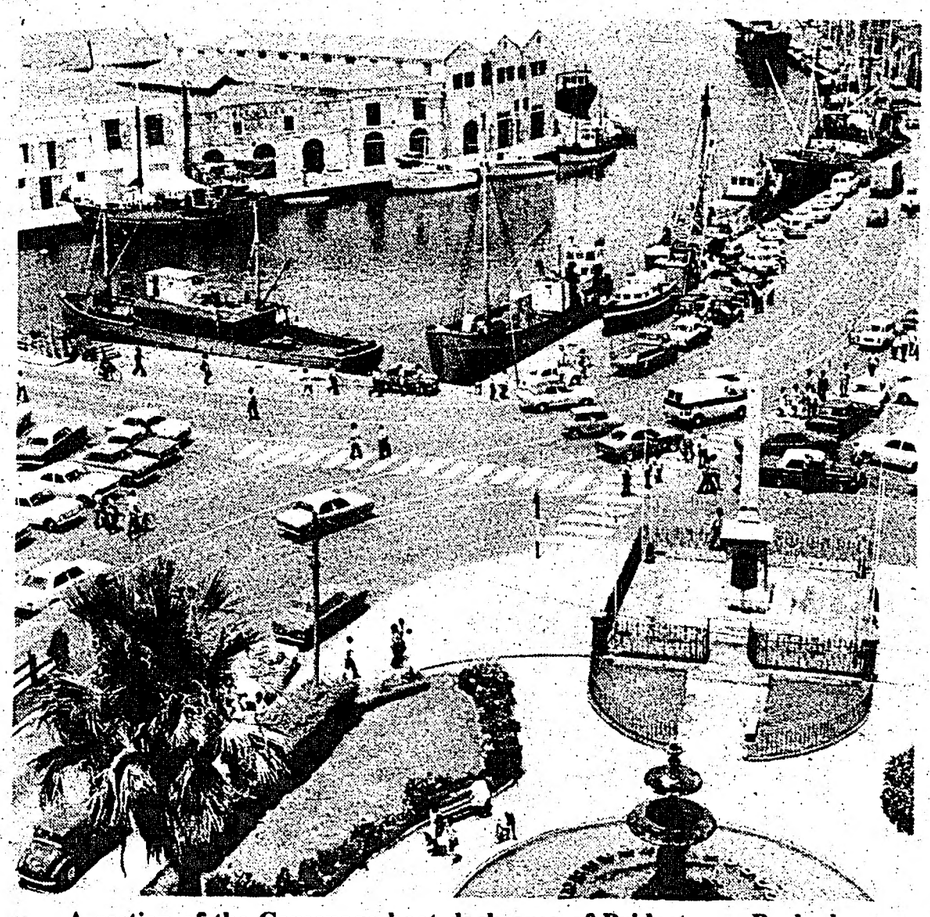
More Canadians come to Barbados than to any other island in the former British West Indian colonies. Canadians come as tourists and as investors, with many hotels now owned or managed by Canadians. Three of Canada's largest banks have branches here.

The island's capital city, Bridgetown, has a small Jewish community, and mementoes when there was a much larger Jewish population, dating back to the mid-17th century when Jews from Brazil fled to the island.

The inquiring visitor, like this travel reporter, will find Synagogue Lane where the former Sephardic synagogue stood. Now it is a government office building.

On the plaza opposite the Carnegie Library is the Montefiore Fountain, presented in 1864 by the British Montefiore family. There have been restorations in the old cemetery where gravestones date back several hundred years.

In the Barbados Museum there are artifacts from the old synagogue including a marble basin for washing the hands before taking the Torah from the Ark, a brass menorah and a pew bench.



A section of the Careenage boat dock area of Bridgetown, Barbados.

There is now a small synagogue for the small Ashkenazi community on Rockley New Road.

Walk along this Caribbean city's waterfront and you are bound to see the harbor police, who look like oldtime sailors. They wear white middies and flat-brimmed straw hats, wide blue pants — a uniform reminiscent of the days of Lord Nelson, hero of the Battle of Trafalgar, which was important over 150 years ago in saving Barbados for the English sugar planters.

The central Plaza in Bridgetown is Trafalgar Square, easily found in the busy area of docks, commercial and public buildings. Here there is a statue of Admiral Nelson which predates that on London's Trafalgar Square by 27 years.

There is plenty to do for the winter visitor besides relaxing on the white sand beaches lined with palm trees on both the Atlantic and Caribbean sides of the island. You can play golf at a number of 18-hole courses and play tennis on courts mostly connected with the major hotels.

Since the island at one time was mainly for growing sugar cane, there are windmills still operating to crush sugar cane to make rum for which Barbados is famous. Arrangements can even be made through the Barbados Tourist Board to visit some of the old sugar plantation mansions.

Claimed as the most beautiful beach on the island is Paradise Beach in St. Michael's parish on Freshwater Bay on the west coast. Here springs of fresh water from underground reservoirs appear in the sand. In the trees in this area live golden warblers, rarest of Barbadian birds. At the far end of the beach you can find a few remains of one of the 26 forts which for centuries guarded the coast.

For the swimming, snorkeling and scuba diving vacationers there are coral reefs to explore. There is an inner fringe reef and a deep barrier reef.

Among the corals of the fringe reef are myriads of tropical fish, some so tame they will eat out of your hand.

The outer reef, about three-quarters of a mile off shore, can be reached by boat, the coral formations more than 40 feet underwater, teeming with fish of all kinds, as well as turtles and squid.

Fishing for deepsea fish can be arranged with charter boats and the catch includes bonito, mackerel, snapper and amberjack. Sailing is popular and tour sailboat trips can be arranged.

Yachting is on the increase and you will find yachts from Canada and the eastern United States at Bridgetown.

Luxury and first class hotels are numerous throughout the island, with few having more than 100 rooms. Top rates apply during Canada's winter season. Guest houses and apartments are also available, and there are some tour packages including air fare and accommodations.

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Travel

Lots of snow makes Quebec haven for skiers

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

QUEBEC CITY — **Quebec is one of the few major North American cities with good ski facilities right on its doorstep. There are five major ski resorts east and north of the provincial capital city, less than 30 minutes drive downtown, with good skiing from late November till late April.**

Vertical drops of these ski centres range from 550 to 2,050 feet (91 to 625 metres) with runs ranging up to 3 miles (almost 5 kilometres) in length.

An annual average snowfall of more than 130 inches (3½ metres) makes it one of the longest ski seasons in Eastern Canada. All five ski centres now have snowmaking equipment to help when Nature does not provide enough of the white material.

The only gondola ski lift in Eastern Canada is at Mont Ste. Anne, 25 miles (40 km) east of Quebec City. It is the biggest skiable mountain in this part of Canada. The 74 4-passenger gondola cars carry skiers to the summit in 14 minutes. Thirteen other T-bar, Poma and double chairlifts can carry 10,000 skiers per hour to the ski runs on the mountain.

There are 29 downhill trails, the longest running three miles (almost 5 km). Both north and south faces of the mountain have now been completely developed, providing long and shorter runs.

Dress warmly whether you go as a skier or sightseer (based on this travel reporter's experience) for it is 2,625 feet (800 m) high and very windy.

Mont Ste. Anne is often chosen for major ski competitions, including World Cup downhill and slalom events. Around the base of the mountain are spread 93 miles (150 km) of charted and patrolled cross-country ski trails, and ten heated relay stations.

During the past two summers several million dollars was invested in improvements to skiing on the mountain. There has been a reshaping of two intermediate trails, refinishing of three expert trails, the creation of a new intermediate trail, and opening of two new chalets.

New snowmaking equipment now provides almost 60% coverage of all trails, and guarantees an early start and a late finish to the ski season here.

Twenty miles (32 km) north of Quebec City is the Stoneham ski area. Located in a valley surrounded by mountains which form a natural bowl keeping the trails sheltered from the wind, the Stoneham region has a 1,250-foot (381 m) vertical drop with runs up to two miles (3,200 metres) in length. Five lifts can handle 4,000 skiers an hour. Snowmaking equipment has been added for use on the 15 downhill trails.

Nearby at Lac Delage, 42 miles (70 km) of well-groomed and marked cross-country trails allow expert and beginner nordic skiers good sport.

Only a 15-minute drive north of Quebec City is Lac Beauport with two major ski centres, Mont. St. Castin and Le Relais, both with snowmaking equipment. Night skiing here is available on nine slopes.

Mont St. Castin has six downhill runs and a famous small hotel of the same name, noted for its excellent cuisine. Le Relais has been in operation since 1936 when its first ski lift went into use. It has runs up to a mile in length, and uses a variety of chairlifts, Pomas and T-bars.

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Rescued by farsighted citizens

Grandeur returns to restored medieval Danish town

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

RIBE, Denmark — Ribe, Denmark's best preserved medieval town, enchants a visitor accustomed to the concrete, glass and aluminum vistas of modern architecture.

Once the most important port in Denmark, Ribe is an esthetic delight, what with its quaint half-timbered buildings recalling the Middle Ages. Founded about 1,200 years ago, Ribe is arguably the oldest continuously - inhabited settlement in Scandinavia.

Now a major tourist centre, visited by an estimated 1 million travelers annually, Ribe owes its present importance to the foresight of a local editor who realized that the town's special ambience could benefit the rundown economy.

The editor, whose name was Willemoes, understood as few men then did that Ribe could revitalize itself by drawing tourists. In 1899, at his suggestion, a conservation society was established for the purpose of restoring Ribe's badly deteriorating architectural gems.

Not surprisingly, the idea was briliantly successful. Today, tourism is Ribe's principal source of income.

To date, 111 buildings have been restored to their former grandeur, and another 500 are earmarked for rehabilitation. To ensure that Ribe's character is not tampered with, no home owner can modify his dwelling without official permission.

Walking down its cobblestone byways, so blissfully tranquil during the off-season, a visitor is hard-pressed to believe that Ribe used to be Denmark's gateway to northern Europe and the Mediterranean basin.

Ribe, in the north of Jutland, was a Viking habitation, a religious shrine and a commercial hub before a historic decline set in.

The basis of its prosperity, which had triggered a building boom, was undermined by devastating floods, fires, plagues, the silting up of the Ribe River, the concentration of power in Copenhagen and, finally, the loss of southern Jutland to Prussia in 1864.

Ribe, having enjoyed hundreds of years of fortune, slid into ignominious obscurity.

All but forgotten, Ribe took on the characteristics of a forlorn place as once-splendid residential structures crumbled.

Rescued from oblivion by its farsighted citizens, Ribe today presents a pristine vision of charming crooked streets, beautifully gabled houses, 19th century gas lamps and quiet green spaces.

By far the best panoramic view of Ribe can be obtained from the open-air tower platform of the Church of Our Lady, which was built from 1117 to 1225.

What you see is a huddled town of red tile roofs set on a plain within easy driving distance of the brooding, gray North Sea. The view, particularly on a bright, sunny day, is just magnificent. Unfortunately, the walk up to the tower — which leaves you huffing and puffing — is not for anyone out of shape.

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Futurists predict Florida's West Coast will be the subject of exciting growth and immense popularity within the next decade. This sunny Florida region is packed with new attractions, restaurants, amusements and accommodations promising visitors a memorable adventure.

Leading the lineup of new attractions along Florida's West Coast is The Phoenix, Busch Gardens/The Dark Continent's newest adventure. It resembles an ancient Egytian cargo vessel and it swings and sways its riders through a series of breathtaking arcs.

Portions of south Clearwater Beach have been renourished, expanding recreational opportunities for many of the coastal resort properties. The recently completed project resulted in the creation of 3,300 feet of new sandy beach, with provisions for public access.

Beachfront hotels have joined a proactive maintenance organization that will ensure the preservation of the protective sand dunes and beach vegetation.

Besides its wealth of outdoor recreation opportunities, Florida's West Coast also offers 1985 visitors plenty of places in which to stimulate their minds. The region boasts many new and long-standing cultural developments. The Pioneer Florida Museum City is dedicated to early Florida lifestyles. The Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in Sarasota features world-renouned performers, as does the Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater Beach, which opened last year.

Opening in fall of 1986 will be the $49.5-million Tampa Bay Performing Art Centre, which will house a 2,400-seat Festival Hall, a 900-seat Playhouse and a 300-seat Studio Theatre.

Continuing improvements are being made to the Ringling Museum complex in Sarasota during its 5-year renovation program. And the Florida Gulf Coast Symphony has changed its name to The Florida Orchestra, Inc., serving Tampa, Clearwater and St. Petersburg.

Along the Fort Myers Beach coastline is the new theme hotel, Mariner's Boathouse and Beach Resort, featuring 22 units — each designed to resemble a 43-foot yacht. Farther south, the new Marco Beach Hilton is scheduled to open in early 1985. The 298-room resort — with its oversized bathrooms that feature televisions, telephones and blow driers — is a Sandcastle Resort hotel.

Transportation options continue to increase, providing easy access for visitors to Florida's West Coast. The Tampa International Airport is undergoing a $100 million expansion and reconstruction program. Also in Tampa, a historical railway station is being renovated by the city to serve Amtrak's new trainside service to six Florida West Coast cities.

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Hold on, sit down, wipe that smile from your face — that day is already upon us.

If you drop by the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre on any of three nights a week, chances are you'll find Leslie Arnold, a petite, amiable 20-year-old you wouldn't want to run into in some dark alley.

Arnold claims to be one of the few Jewish female boxers in Canada, a situation that has forced her to trade punches with some of the men folk at the JCC.

It's not that she wants to fight men. It's just that she has trouble finding female sparring partners of a type who aren't so competitive they want to put her on dream street every time they come out fighting.

So, under the tutelage of JCC boxing coach Boris Gitman, Arnold laces up the gloves and spars with some of the male boxers who train at the JCC.

That situation shouldn't be too unfamiliar to her — she got her start in the squared circle by helping a male friend train.

Arnold recalls she would hold focus pads (big, thick, black pads with a white dot painted on) that the boxer would try to hit.

"By watching him I started getting interested in the sport. He started training me as a hobby and now I train two or three nights a week."

Besides her boxing practices, Arnold runs, skips rope and swims her way to better health. But it's boxing she really loves because "it's a very immediate sport and the gratification is immediate. If you do something right, you feel it immediately, and if you do something wrong, you feel it immediately.

"If you get hurt, there's no one to blame but yourself," she adds.

But doesn't the 5 ft. 2, 115 lb flyweight have any fear of getting hurt?

Leslie Arnold

"No," she replies without hesitation. "I've got a Jewish mother. She worries for me."

Even though her mother may disapprove of her interest in the sport, Leslie comes by it honestly. Her grandfather was a boxing coach in New York, and some of her other relatives boxed professionally.

She smiles as she relates how she and her father get together on weekends and watch the fights on pay TV.

Still, it's a big step from watching to punching, and her "parents think it's kind of weird. But they know I'm a bit of an oddball.

"Still, they're happy with the normal things about me. I'm working towards a Masters in administrative education, I teach dancing and do pottery. And during the summer I was hired as a dance and drama specialist for the Snoopy Camp."

But it's the boxing that interests people when they meet her — even the kids she teaches at Brown Public School.

"It's a real pain when they find out I'm a boxer. Then they come up and try to hit me," she says.

Some smart alecks "ask me if I (mud) wrestle in bars. I can't figure that out. One has nothing to do with the other."

Of course Arnold is too much "a nice Jewish girl" to get in the mud in front of 100 screaming drunks. What she's interested in is the scientific art of self defence — what she terms the "technical" aspects.

"There are so many things to work on. It's like chess," she claims. "You have to do things in connections, like fake a jab to draw out an opponent. Make him do what I want him to do.

"Boris (Gitman) says the hardest thing isn't punching. Anybody can punch. Defence is the key, and staying in shape."

Though she's out at the JCC sparring with male fighters Gitman has chosen with care (he picks ones who don't try to show off their machismo by flattening her), Arnold is looking for a woman she can spar with.

If she can interest some other women "we could do a lot for boxing — stress the technical aspects and give it a different image."

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Business Outlook

Few specifics in govt. statement

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Very little in Finance Minister Michael Wilson's economic statement of Nov. 8 was new, and an "astounding aspect of the statement was the absence of any specific job creation proposals," according to an analysis prepared by Mintz & Partners, chartered accountants.

Wilson's only "concrete proposal was a virtually intact replica of his predecessor's taxation measures," the commentary stated. "His one original thought was to change the government's accounting system so that the financial positions left by the Liberals would look even worse (could it?)," it added.

The finance minister expressed concern that many industries are over-regulated and over-protected, while promising to introduce measures to make Canada a more attractive place for investors to do business, the analysis continued.

One of the "concrete proposals" the report noted was eliminating the non-qualifying business income classification enjoyed by certain businesses — such as lawyers, doctors, accountants and managerial firms — for taxation years ending after 1984.

Instead of paying tax at 33⅓% on NQB income, earnings would be taxed as active business income (at 25%) under the proposals.

However, on payment of dividends out of ABI, a corporate distribution tax of 12½% would be triggered. The Mintz commentary advises that corporations which were NQBs should consider a reorganization by setting up a holding company to which the ABI can be transferred and from which dividends to shareholders can be paid. Those dividends would not trigger the tax, since the money would not be active business income in the hands of the holding company.

The Mintz commentary noted cumulative deduction accounts will be eliminated. Canadian-controlled private corporations will no longer have to keep track of their accumulated retained earnings, which, once $1 million was reached, made the corporation ineligible for the low tax rates of the small business deduction.

Under Wilson's proposals, "any CCPC carrying on an active business in Canada will qualify indefintely for the small business deduction on up to $200,000 of active business income annually. Corporations which had previously lost entitlement to the SBD because the cumulative deduction account exceeded $1 million will again become eligible," the analysis states.

To take advantage of the proposal, the commentary suggests corporations which had taken steps to change ABI to investment income should consider reversing those steps, while also re-evaluating owner/manager remuneration techniques.

The analysis also notes the following changes proposed in the statement:

- **Specified investment businesses — whose principal purpose is to dervive income from property — may have their earnings considered ABI and pay tax at the low rate even where its employees (which must exceed five) are not related to shareholders. Previously a SIB would not qualify for the low rate of tax where the employees were related to shareholders.**
- CCPCs eligible for the small business deduction can pay the final balance of corporate tax three months after year end, rather than two months.
- The February budget proposal that the taxable benefit for use of a company car or leased automobile be computed at 50% of the standby charge, will be retained.
- Maintenance and support payments made after 1983 paid prior to a court order or written separation agreement, which in the absence of an order or agreement were ineligible as a deduction and were not included in the recipient's income, will now be deductible and taxable if the order or agreement subsequently recognizes the payments.

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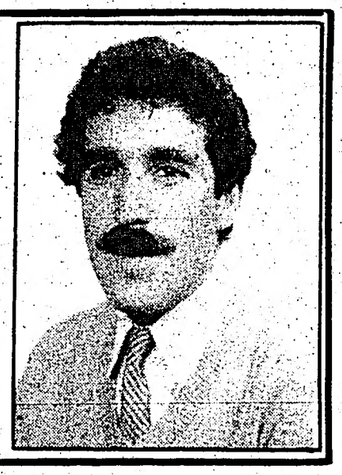

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Co-publishers Carey Diamond (left) and Bobby Rotenberg hope to make T.O. a Toronto magazine success.

Lawyers abandon law to start up magazine

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Two bright young Jewish lawyers are the publishers of a bright and breezy city magazine that hit the Toronto newsstands recently.

They're Carey Diamond, 30, and Bobby Rotenberg, 31, and their handsomely designed, 84-page $2 publication is titled T.O. — The Magazine of Toronto.

It's geared for Toronto's "yuppies" (young urban professionals in their 20s and 30s) and the pair describe it as "a magazine that is local in focus and international in scope."

It contains a 32-page, pocket-sized guide to city entertainment events called T-O to Go! which is inserted inside the 52-page, standard-sized bi-monthly magazine.

And the features, written by predominantly young people with wit and surprising sophistication, include an interview with Ghostbuster's femme fatale Sigourney Weaver; a profile of nubile Toronto models; a how-to column on hunting for a Toronto apartment; and gossipy reports from Paris, London and New York.

There's also a fresh piece about the syndicated California-based humorist, Paul Collins, who puts together the Globe and Mail's Your Morning Smile. And there's a piece about Captain George Henderson, who runs Toronto's Memory Lane nostalgia store devoted to vending ancient comic books and venerable pulp magazine detective thrillers.

Which prompts the question: How does T.O. expect to survive in the fiercely competitive city magazine field already served by the likes of Toronto Life, Key To Toronto, Avenue Magazine, Now and the good Lord knows how many suburban weeklies and monthlies?

Carey Diamond, the son of the wealthy land developer — former Cadillac Fairview chief executive officer, Eph Diamond — doesn't seem worried.

He says it cost them "well into the six figures" to launch the magazine and "we have enough capital backing to publish for two years, even without running a single ad."

His partner, the son of Dr. Cyril Rotenberg, head of radiology at Toronto East General Hospital, is equally confident. "We believe we'll fill a needed niche in the market," says Bobby Rotenberg.

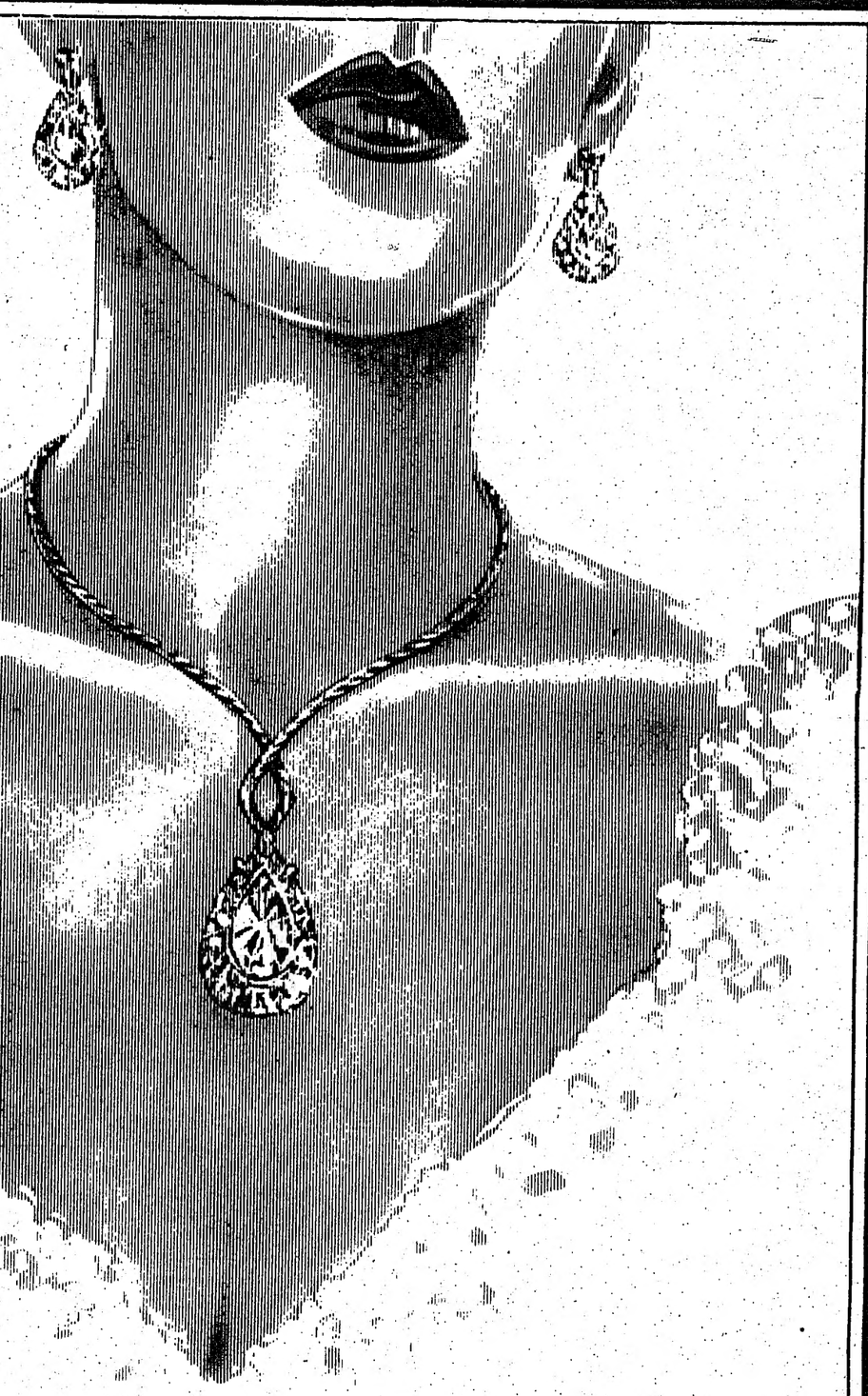
The two lawyers, though equipped with a limited amount of journalism experience, are plentifully endowed with enthusiasm.

Before pursuing a litigation career with the Toronto legal firm of Cassels, Brock & Blackwell, Diamond worked summers as a $175-a-week reporter-photographer for the Toronto Sun.

"I loved every bit of it — the vitality and the hubbub of journalism," he says, "and that's why I left law practice last February to return to it."

Rotenberg, who has a Master of Law degree from the London School of Economics in England, never did recover from the zestful two years he put in as managing editor of Passion, the English-langauge city magazine of Paris.

"I developed a passion for print at Passion," he says, "and I hope to instil the same upbeat tone in making T.O. a world-class city magazine for Toronto."



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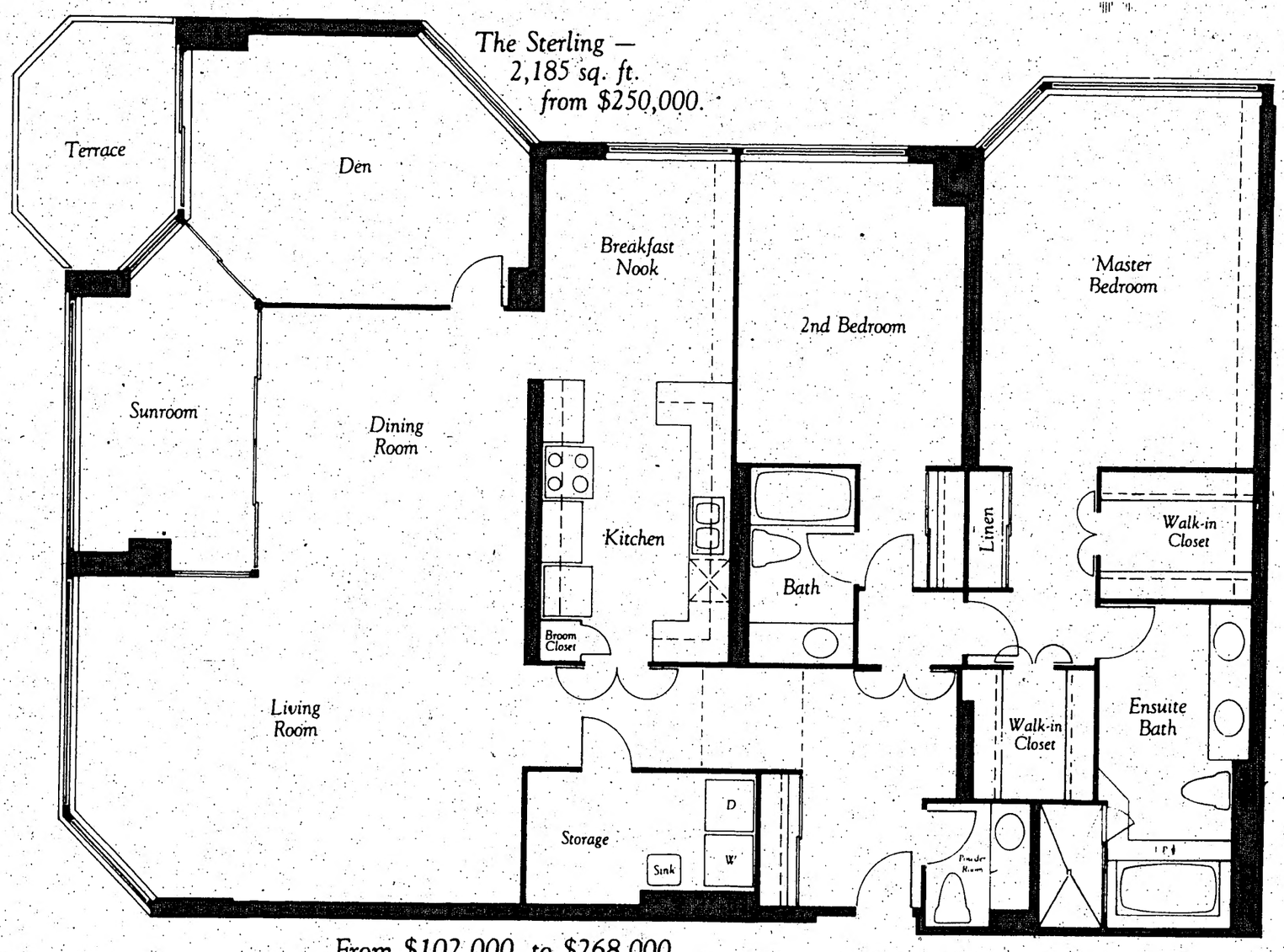

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